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# The story of 5 benefits Wayne Screw Products gets from using STANICUT CUTTING OIL



Plant Foreman Al Ziegman (left) and Standard industrial lubrication specialist L. J. Loomis examine pitch diameter of screw threads. L. J. Loomis' engineering background plus his field experience in industrial lubrication, customers find, pays off for them. Lee is a graduate of Tri-State college of Indiana with a B.S. degree. Before entering field work, he completed Standard Sales Engineering School.

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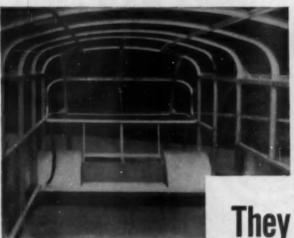
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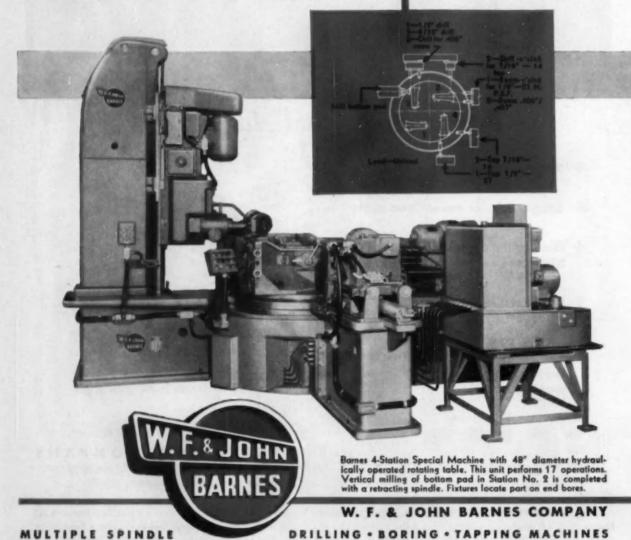
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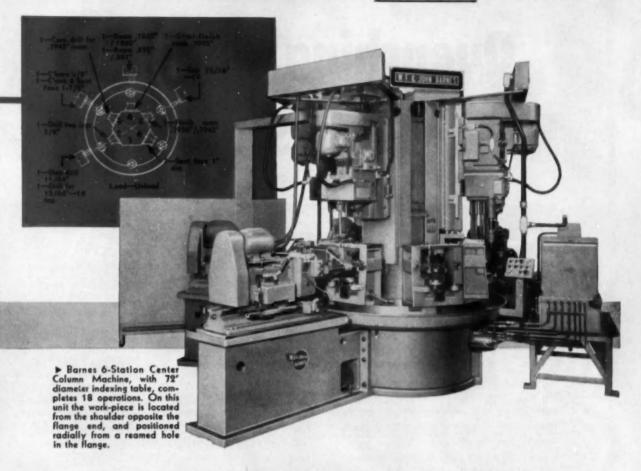
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In the quenching of alloy steels, several points require consideration, among them being the size and shape of the piece, the type of steel involved, the quenching medium, and proper agitation of the quenching bath.

The composition of the steel has an important bearing on the selection of a quenching medium. As an example: shallow-hardening steels require a fast cooling rate, whereas deeper-hardening steels require progressively slower rates as the alloy content increases.

Three commonly used types of quenching media for alloy steels are water, oil, and air. These are discussed below in the order of quenching severity:

(1) WATER. Fresh water is entirely satisfactory only when used as a flush. Salt-water solutions are generally used in still baths to avoid the bad effect of bubbles resulting from dissolved atmospheric gas. It should be noted that the quenching rate drops as water temperature is increased. The range of 70 deg to 100 deg F is recommended.

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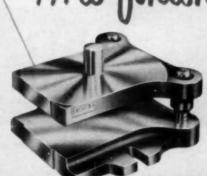
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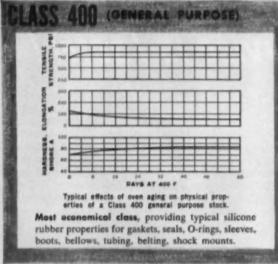
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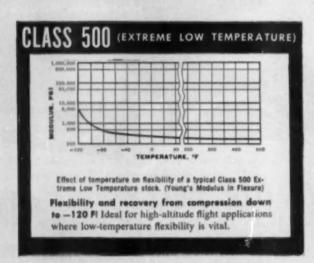
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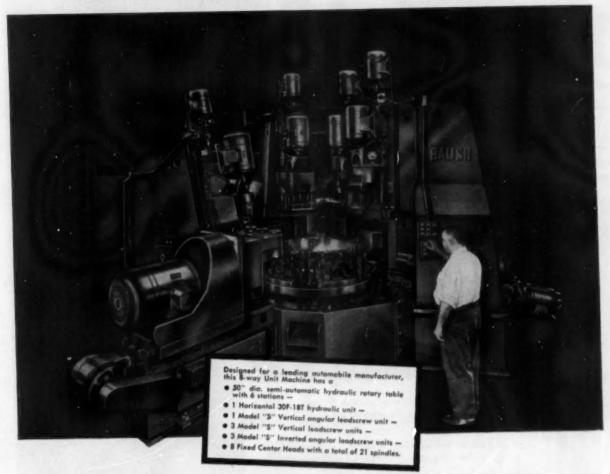
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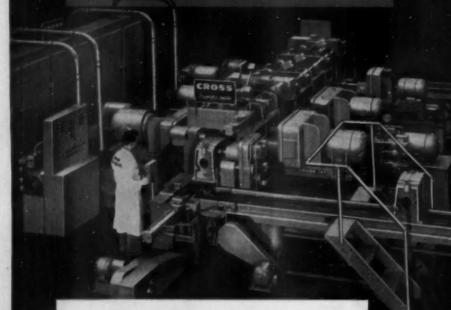


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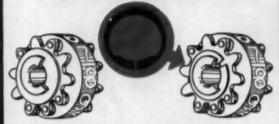
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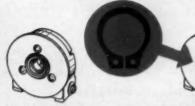
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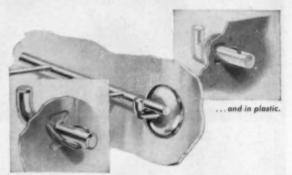
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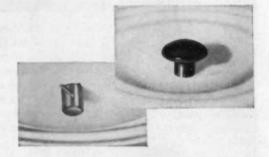
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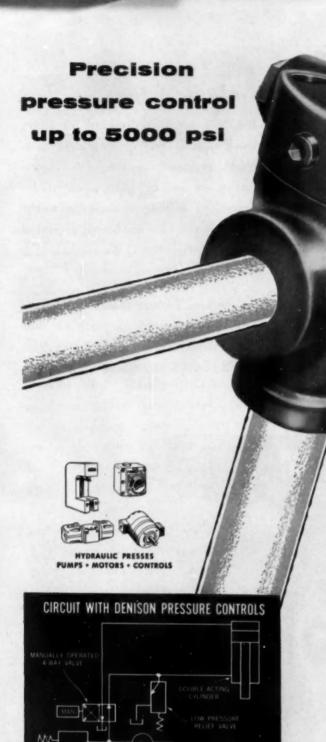
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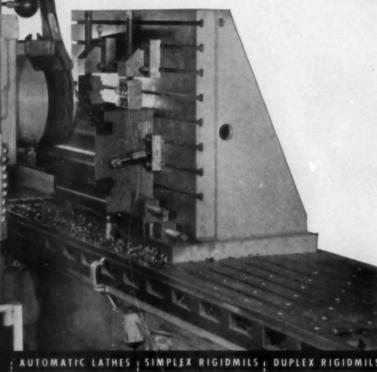


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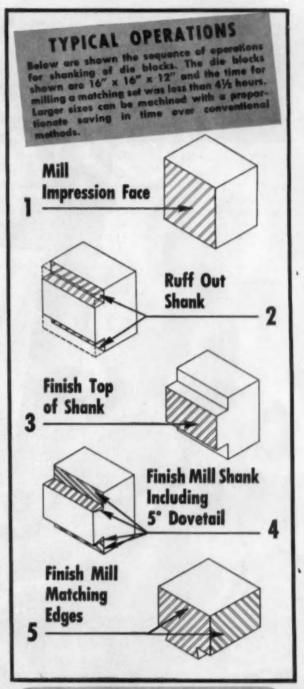


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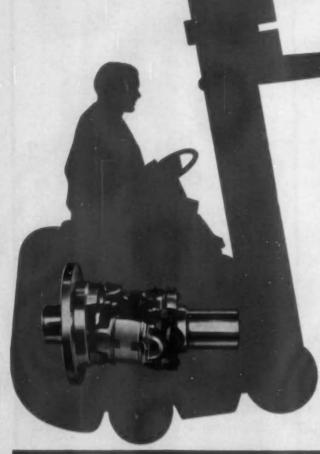
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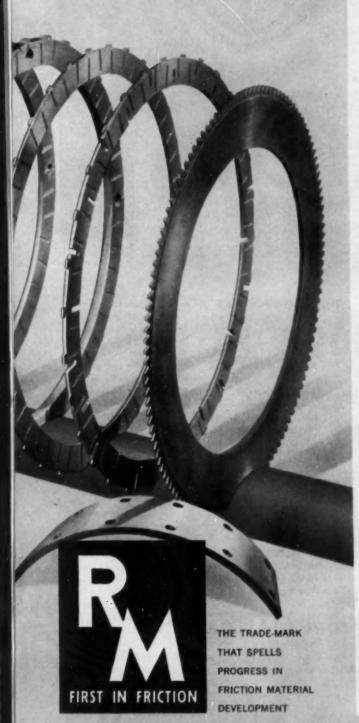


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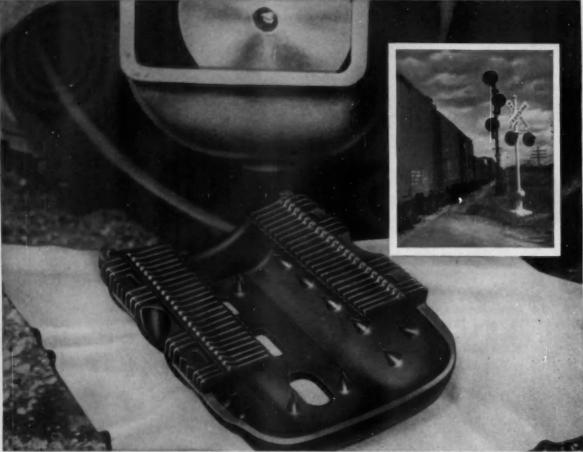
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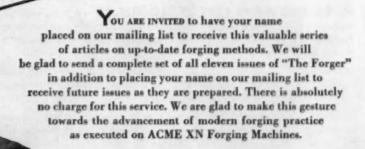
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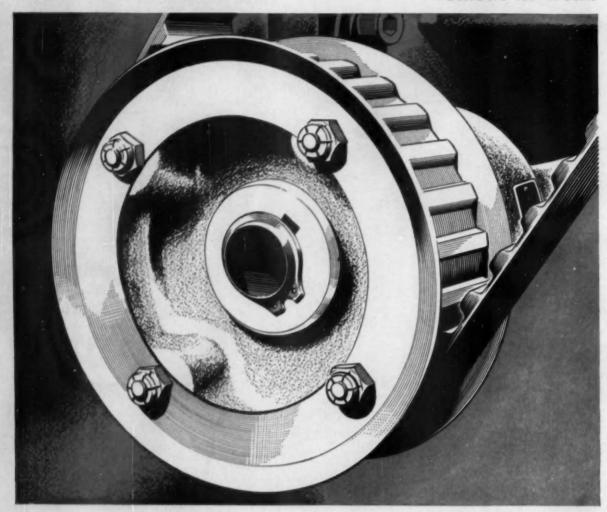


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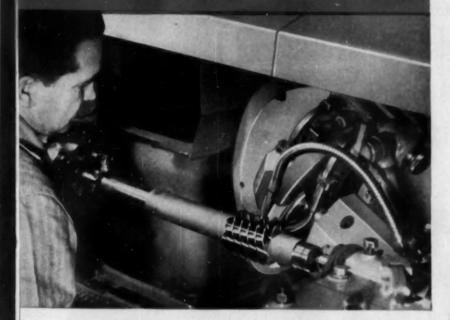






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# **High Spots of This Issue**

# \* New Highs Established in Horsepower and Torque

Outputs of engines installed in 1955 model cars indicate clearly that no quarter has been asked and none given in the contest for bigger and mightier power plants. Lower-priced cars are no exceptions, as the rating tables show. Page 48.

# \* Heat Treating of Aircraft Engine Gears

In view of the omnipresent strength-weight ratio problem, heat treatment of aircraft engine gears requires painstaking care. The author outlines the procedures followed at Dana Corp. to obtain the necessary results. See Page 50.

## \* Coaxial Power Steering Gear Production Equipment

Fine dimensional tolerances are an absolute requisite for such precision-made products as power steering mechanisms. Thus, the equipment found at Chrysler's Trenton, Mich., plant, as described here, is special in nature. Page 54.

# \* Machining Pistons and Connecting Rods at Packard

Supplementing several previous stories on Packard's V-8 engine plant at Utica, Mich., this article covers highlights of piston and connecting rod production. Selective operations are described and illustrated. Page 62.

# \* SAE Holds First Golden Anniversary Meeting

Last month's annual gathering in Detroit was the first of 11 SAE Golden Anniversary Meetings scheduled for 1955. A grand total of 59 papers and panel discussions were featured, and some of the former are abstracted here. Page 68.

# ★ 24 New Product Items And Other High Spots, Such As:

Studebaker's new models with higher horsepower; motordriven engines on the assembly line; all-plastic construction economical for truck cab; continuous plating of bumpers in huge automatic machine; and making torsion bars for new passenger car suspension.

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### GM Offers to Repurchase Cars Unsold by Dealers

The announcement by General Motors Corp. that it is prepared to buy back any unsold new cars in stocks of franchised dealers is another step by the corporation to curb bootlegging. Last March, GM tried to get a repurchase clause written in contracts with its dealers, but the Justice Dept. turned the proposal down.

While the new plan is not meant to be part of an actual contract, its basic intentions are the same as those GM proposed last year. Under the former plan, GM asked that a specific clause be written into the factory selling contract which would have given the manufacturer prior right to buy back the unsold new car at the price paid by the dealer. Structure of the new alternative plan is the same, except that it is optional and non-contractual.

#### American Motors Predicts Profit in Next Few Months

American Motors Corp., which has reported losses since it became a corporate firm last May, expects to show a profit within the next few months. Important savings are expected to be realized in 1955 through further integration of Nash and Hudson operations.

AMC sales for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1955, totaled \$400.34 million, but the net loss reported by the company on Dec. 9 for the 1954 fiscal year amounted to \$11.07 million, after a tax recovery of \$11.59 million.

The loss was attributed to costs for new car model changeovers and the movement of production facilities. AMC had a net working capital of \$82.08 million at the close of the fiscal year, excluding its \$43.80 million bank credit which it did not use.



#### STUDEBAKER SPEEDSTER IN LIMITED PRODUCTION

Scheduled for limited production on special order only, the Speedster is a sports car version of the 1955 Studebaker President hardtop convertible series. The car stands slightly over 56 in. high, measures 2041/2 in. in length, and is equipped with race car fittings augmented by power assists. Power plant is a 185-hp, V-8 engine.

#### Lincoln-Mercury Steps Up Output at St. Louis Plant

Since high automobile sales have been outstripping production rates, many car manufacturers have been extending working hours of production workers and adding new shifts. This has occurred not only in Detroit, but at other plants throughout the country.

Among the latest to take the step is the Lincoln-Mercury assembly plant in St. Louis, which is now operating a second shift. Output of the plant, which supplies Mercury cars to 750 dealers in 24 states, will nearly double to about 640 units a day when the new shift is in full operation shortly.

#### Sales Records Chalked Up By Several Car Companies

Automobile sales by some companies, along with production achievements, have reached new records. Cadillac reached a new sales record of 15,129 cars during December, 1954; Buick sold more than 50,000, best since December, 1950; and Oldsmobile delivered 40,918 cars for the sec-

ond highest month in its history.

The favorable reaction to Chrysler Corp.'s 1955 cars is reflected in a report which shows that sales of the new Chrysler and Imperial cars for the last ten days of December increased more than 30 per cent over the same period in 1953, with deliveries totaling 5040 cars. Sales for all of December totaled 13,230 to make it the best month for Chrysler Div. since July, 1953.

#### Ford Aims at 25 Per Cent Of Industry Sales in 1955

Ford, which sold more automobiles last year than it did in any year since 1925, is looking ahead to another good year. It hopes to capture at least 25 per cent of the total industry market. The aforementioned figure would be about the same sales penetration the company anticipates for 1954, when final industry registration figures are compiled. However, it would have to sell about 75,000 more cars in 1955, if industry sales total the 5.8 million units predicted for this year, to reach this percentage.

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#### PACKARD SHOW CAR REVIVES CLASSIC FRONT-END

The Packard Request, created by reworking a 1955 Packard 400 sedan, was featured in the company's display at the recent Chicago Automobile Show. Bringing a new and modern styling revival to the classic tront-and treatment that was a Packard trademark for many years, the special show car was built in answer to requests for an up-to-date version of the classic radiator design that Packard abandoned in 1951.

### 1955 Chevrolet to Pace Indianapolis Classic

A 1955 Chevrolet V-8 convertible will pace the 39th running of the 500-mile Indianapolis Race on May 30. The last time a Chevrolet was used to pace the cars on their starting lap was in 1948, when Mauri Rose, now a Chevrolet experimental engineer, won the race for the second consecutive year and set a speed record.

### GM Expanding Its Aid To Higher Education

General Motors Corp. has announced a plan to spend \$2 million on new grants and scholarships to 306 colleges and universities in 38 states. Within four years, its total contributions to the support of higher education will amount to \$4.5 million annually.

The new funds are additions to the \$2.5 million contribution for operation of the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich., and other grants which GM has customarily made in the past. Included have been 24 fellowships at 14 universities.

Under GM's new plan, four-year scholarships will be awarded 350 promising students this year; within four years, 1400 students will be benefiting. In addition, private colleges and universities will receive grants-in-aid averaging \$500 to \$800 annually per student. At least one scholarship will be granted in each state to winning students who may select any accredited college or university.

Another phase of the grant is the foundation plan, under which GM will make unrestricted grants of \$10,000 each to foundations representing colleges in Michigan, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New England. In addition, a grant of \$35,000 will be made to the United Negro College Fund for operating expenses of 31 Negro colleges.

#### Handling Equipment Maker Acquired by F. L. Jacobs

No plans are reportedly in the works at present by F. L. Jacobe Co., Detroit automobile parts maker, to move any of the manufacturing facilities of Colson Corp., Elyria, O., materials handling equipment maker, which Jacobs acquired recently. In addition to two Ohio plants and one in Somerville, Mass., Colson has warehouses in Chicago and Union City, N. J., and a subsidiary in Toronto, Canada. Colson is the third company that Jacobs has acquired recently.

### First New Ford Car Plant Since 1947 To Open Soon

Ford Div.'s new 1.5 million sq ft automobile assembly plant in San Jose, Calif., will be in operation by March 1. First new plant built by Ford since 1947, it is one of three assembly units to be completed this year under a program started about two years ago to replace outmoded car assembly facilities.

Two other plants which will be ready this year include a 1.5 million sq ft facility at Louisville, Ky., and a 1.9 million sq ft plant at Mahwah, N. J. The San Jose plant, which replaces Ford's old assembly facility in Richmond, Calif., will have a capacity of 880 vehicles daily on two shifts.

### Power Steering Pioneer Sets Up Harvard Fund

Francis W. Davis, pioneer in the development of power steering for automobiles, has established a Lionel S. Marks Fellowship Fund at Harvard University. Mr. Davis, a member of the Harvard Class of 1910, studied mechanical engineering with Professor Marks in his college days.

Mr. Davis' hydraulic power steering gear was patented in 1931, and this was followed by more than 20 additional U. S. and foreign patents.

#### Highway Transport Issues Studied at TTMA Meeting

Keyed to the general theme, "Highway Transport Issues and Action—1955," the 14th annual convention of the Truck-Trailer Manufacturers Association was held at Boca Raton, Fla., Jan. 27 to 29.

Maj. Gen. B. F. Hayford, Deputy Chief of Transportation, Dept. of the Army, addressed the group on "Army Transportation Corps Vehicle Requirements" during the opening luncheon. Other events on the program included: a seminar on trucktrailer equipment; a discussion on projected production and material controls in event of a national emergency; an analysis of the trucktrailer of the future; and a progress report on vehicle refrigeration research and development.

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## Packard 1955 Line Prices Range from \$2585 to \$4080

Advertised - delivered prices for 1955 Packard cars range from \$2,585 in the Clipper Series to \$4,080 for the 400 hardtop model. Due to a completely new line-up of cars for 1955, plus a new torsion bar suspension as standard equipment on two models, no valid comparison as such can be made with prices on last year's models.

The new system of full torsion bar suspension is offered by Packard for its Clipper Custom and Packard cars. Price of the Packard Caribbean, a custom sports convertible which Packard will offer this year, has not yet been announced. Prices of all Packard cars will differ throughout the country, as those of other car manufacturers, because of new adjustments made in freight rates by the industry on 1955 automobiles.

## PACKARD LINE PRICES\*

Packard	1955
Patrician four-door	\$4,040
Hardtop 400	4,080
Clipper	
Deluxe four-door sedan	2,585
Super four-door sedan	2,685
Super Panama hardtop	
Custom four-door sedan	2,925
Custom Constellation	3,075
*Advertised-delivered prices, in	cluding
Federal excise taxes, delivery, and	a nan-

### General Tire Withdraws Offer To Motor Products

General Tire & Rubber Co.'s withdrawal of its offer to buy stock control of Motor Products Corp., Detroit automobile parts and appliance concern, has sparked new hope for solving some of the company's critical problems. The stock-buying war, started by Motor Products employes to prevent the Akron, O., company from taking control, was believed to be the most influential factor which caused General Tire to drop its \$7 million offer.

General had been seeking to acquire control of the Detroit firm since last August. Complications developed when Motor Products employes, hoping to influence other small stockholders to retain their holdings, launched a mass movement to purchase stock themselves under a monthly installment



### CHRYSLER TO PUT 300-HP HARDTOP INTO PRODUCTION

The new Chrysler 300 hardtop, expected to go into production shortly, is powered by a modified Chrysler V-8 FirePower engine with an output of 300 hp at 5200 rpm. Bore is 3.81 in.; stroke, 3.63 in.; displacement, 331 cu in.; and compression ratio, 8.5 to 1. Modifications include two four-barrel carbureters, a tull-race camshatt, and rocker arm valve adjustment. It is equipped with a dual exhaust system, power brakes, PowerFlite transmission, and manual steering, while rear axle ratios of 3:36 to 1 and 3:54 to 1 are available. Car has a 126-in. wheelbase, length of 219 in., width of 79.1 in., and special spring suspension gives it an overall height of 59 in.

plan. The total of Motor Products shares tendered by stockholders in exchange for a third-priority General Tire preferred issue was not particularly attractive to the latter.

Motor Products, which showed profits in 14 of the last 15 years, is confident that it will be back on a profitable basis this year. It incurred losses totaling \$716,346 in the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1954, compared with a profit of \$361,502 in the same period of 1953. The company is now said to have more than \$45 million in new automobile business in the U. S. and Canada, in addition to \$8 million in defense contracts.

## Power Brake "Package" Offered by Chrysler

Due to the high demand for power brakes on automobiles, Chrysler Corp. is now offering a package of all the necessary components for field installation. It will be available for all Chrysler-built cars of 1951 through 1955 vintage and will retail for about \$46, excluding installation charges. Up until now, power brakes have been offered as factory-installed equipment only.

## Buffalo Automobile Plants Set Many Records In 1954

Automobile plants in the Buffalo, N. Y., area wound up the year breaking all kinds of records. The Chevrolet engine plant, for example, turned out 660,000 engines last year, while the Ford assembly plant produced about 85,000 cars in 1954, 10,000 more than in 1953.

## Oldsmobile Four-Door Hardtops Priced Above Two-Door Coupes

Oldsmobile's new four-door hardtop series (see AI, Jan. 1, page 35) will carry a factory list price approximately \$67 higher than that for the standard two-door Holiday coupes. Scheduled for production in March, the new cars will sell for \$2,322 in the 88 Holiday Series, \$2,541 in the Super 88, and \$2,864 in the 98 Series.

The hardtop model is distinguishable from the standard four-door in that it has no center post supports above the belt line between the front and rear windows. Other basic differences are a chrome roof bow across the headlining and different upholatery treatment.

# Trews of the AUTOMOTIVE



#### TWO MOTORAMA STATION WAGONS ON MARKET

Shown at last year's GM Motorama (see Al, Feb. 1, 1954, page 57), the Chevrolet Nomad station wagon (top photo) has now been put into production. The two-door body is of steel construction and is mounted on a conventional Chevrolet chassis. The car will be available with V-8 or six-cylinder engines, Powerglide transmission, manual shift and overdrive, and most other options. In the bottom photo is shown the Pontiac Safari station wagon, which made its debut at the recent 1955 version of the GM Motorama. Only 59 in. high, the two-door Safari is mounted on a 122-in. wheelbase, has an overall length of 204.3 in., and is powered by the 180-hp Strato-Streak V-8 engine. Listing for \$2714 (Pontiac, Mich.), it is scheduled for early production.

## GM Officials View 1955 as Epic Year for Industry

Speaking at a luncheon and press conference preceding the opening of the 1955 GM Motorama in New York City last month, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board of General Motors Corp., and Harlow H. Curtice, GM president, both painted an optimistic picture of the outlook for this year for the national economy as a whole, as well as for General Motors.

#### Vital Role of Suppliers

While stressing that excellent opportunities for suppliers to the automobile industry lie in continued development of new modernizing equipment, such as electronically controlled devices and automatic machinery to make industry production facilities efficient and up-to-date, Mr. Sloan pointed out that it took GM 32 years to turn out its first 25 million cars, but only 14 years to make the second

25 million. He went on to estimate that the third 25 million cars will be produced in less than eight years, due in part to the modern machinery and production methods developed in recent years.

Mr. Sloan also pointed out that GM has spent \$3.5 billion for expansion and development since the end of World War II. These expenditures, he stated, were financed through depreciation and through \$2 billion in earnings.

### Output of 6.8 Million Vehicles

Mr. Curtice lead off his address with a cheery prediction that gross national product will be in the area of \$370 billion this year, an increase of about three per cent over the estimated level for 1954 and somewhat in excess of the record reached in 1953. The high level of employment

will be maintained this year with the work week somewhat longer than it was in 1954. Personal income will increase and customer disposable income will be at a record high, he said.

He went on to say that the automobile industry should produce and sell in the domestic market approximately 6.8 million passenger cars and trucks during 1955, provided labor peace prevails. In addition, Canadian production and exports to other markets should bring total unit production to 7.6 million cars and trucks.

As far as General Motors itself is concerned, Mr. Curtice forecast that 1955 unit sales of GM passenger cars will be the highest in the corporation's history and that total dollar sales will again approximate \$10 billion. He expressed his confidence that this figure will be attained in spite of the fact that GM defense deliveries will continue to decline.

As an interesting sidelight, Mr. Curtice pointed out that it cost General Motors \$600 million to bring its 1955 models to market, nearly twice as much as was spent to introduce its 1954 models. A further indication of the financial lengths to which GM is going to maintain industry leadership was found in Mr. Curtice's statement that the \$1 billion expansion program, which he announced at the GM Motorama a year ago, has now grown to \$1.5 billion.

Capital expenditures for the program during 1954 reached a total of \$750 million, and outlays for 1955 are estimated at 500 million. A balance of \$250 million will be spent in 1956. In addition, \$2 million more will be spent for modernization and expansion in Europe.

## Packard and Studebaker Link Their Canadian Operations

Merger of Packard and Studebaker activities in Canada will result in expanded dealer sales and service facilities similar to those accomplished by the two companies in the U. S. The new company known as Studebaker-Packard Corp. of Canada, Ltd., was formed just about five months after Packard and Studebaker merged.

## AND AVIATION INDUSTRIES



### **DEATH CLAIMS MOTCH**

E. Franklin Motch, 46, president and treasurer of The Motch & Merryweather Machinery Co., died Jan. 6, at Shaker Heights, O. Son of one of the three founders of Motch & Merryweather, Mr. Motch was also a director of Baker Brothers, Inc., Giddings & Lewis Machine Tool Co., and Gauld & Eberhardt, Inc.

## Nash Calif. Plant To Build Ramblers

The Nash plant in El Segundo, Calif., which was shut last August for inventory, will be back in production on Feb. 14. According to present plans, it will be used to build Rambler cars only.

The plant previously turned out both the Rambler and Nash models. It will supply Ramblers to both Nash and Hudson dealers in six western states and will turn out about 90 cars a day at full capacity.

### Hudson Looks for Sales Of 125,000 Cars in '55

Hudson is confident that it will strengthen its position in the industry this year, and is looking forward to sales of 125,000 cars. If it reaches that goal, it would be nearly four times the number of automobiles Hudson sold in 1954 and represent one of its best postwar sales years. The division is adding new dealers and hopes to have 2000 sales outlets by this spring to handle the restyled Hudsons as well as the Rambler and Metropolitan series.

# TABLOID

Bendix Aviation Corp., has announced the formation of a new Aircraft Products Div. for its wholly owned subsidiary, Bendix-Eclipse of Canada, Ltd., . . . Kaman Aircraft of Canada, Ltd., has been formed at St. Catherines, Ont., by Kaman Aircraft Corp. to manufacture helicopters.

Dana Corp. has announced a diversification program for its Pottstown, Pa., plant to center primarily around general subcontracting work.

Denham & Co., 20-year-old Detroit industrial advertising and public relations agency, has been incorporated.

General Electric Co. will build a new \$20 million plant near Hickory, N. C., for the manufacture of distribution transformers . . . Ethyl Corp. plans to erect at Sarnia, Ont., Canada, a plant to manufacture anti-knock compounds.

First flight of an experimental magnesium aircraft, built by East Coast Aeronautics, Inc., is expected to take place this month... Ryan Aeronautical Co. has been awarded an Air Force contract to develop a jet-powered vertical take-off plane.

Negotiations are being conducted by Hooker Electrochemical Co. and Durez Plastics & Chemicals, Inc., regarding a merger of Durez with Hooker.

Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co. has already opened a new plant at Delaware, O., and will dedicate another this month at Chicago Heights, Ill. . . . Lester Castings, Inc., has opened a new die casting plant at Bedford Heights, O. Gyrodyne Co. of America, Inc., and Hiller Helicopters, Inc., have received contracts totaling \$400,000 for development of one-man, portable helicopters. . . . McDonnell Aircraft Corp. has awarded Lear, Inc., a contract for a new pictorial altitude system for the F3-H Demon plane.

The Canadian branch of the British Hawker-Siddeley Aircraft Co. will build a new supersonic jet fighter. A new type of jet engine will reportedly be developed also.

India is said to be negotiating with General Motors Corp. for the manufacture of Chevrolet passenger cars in that country.

Armco Steel Corp. has developed a new type of aluminumcoated steel . . . General Electric Co. has announced a new thrust spoiler for J47 jet engines, said to reduce space required for jet aircraft landings.

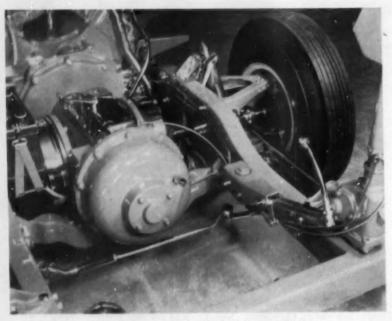
Bell Aircraft Corp. has purchased Hydraulic Research & Mfg. Co., Burbank, Calif. . . Denison Engineering Co. has acquired Delaware Industries, Inc., Delaware, O. . . Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co. has purchased Rensselaer Valve Co., Cohoes, N. Y.

Conroy Associates, Detroit public relations organization, is now operating as a subsidiary of William Hart Adler, Inc., Chicago advertising agency.

. . .

The Guided Missiles Div. of Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp. is expanding its Reinforced Plastics Dept. It has leased a new plant in Copiague, N. Y., for design and production of plastic items, including missile parts.

# Trews of the AUTOMOTIVE



### GMC ALL-PURPOSE TRUCK CHASSIS

Close-up of the front end of the chassis of the GMC L'Universelle "dream" truck discloses the inverted Hydra-Matic transmission, the fluid coupling, brake drums on the driving shafts as they come out of the gear box, and constant-velocity universal joints. The penel delivery vehicle was displayed, along with seven experimental passenger cars, at the recent GM Motorama in New York City (see AI, Jan. 15, page 58).



### DUPLEX TRUCK IS POWERED BY DEUTZ DIESEL ENGINE

The new Duplex Model R-D-8-61 truck of 60,000 GCW is built on a 144-in. wheel-base. Power plant is a Deutz aircooled, Y-8 Diesel engine of 649 cu in. displacement with an output of 170 hp at 2300 rpm. (see Al, Dec. 15, 1954, page 106). Bore is 4% in., stroke is 5½ in., and five main bearings, cylinder heads, and cylinders are individually removable. Other equipment includes: Fuller transmission: Lipe Rollway clutch; Spicer universal joints; Timken axles; Ross steering gear; Westinghouse air brakes; and numerous Bosch components in electrical and fuel systems.

## Jet Aircraft Sent Skyward From Zero-Length Launcher

A mobile launching platform, engineered by The Glenn L. Martin Co. and the Air Force, is now being tested for launching jet aircraft like guided missiles. The first successful launching took place at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., recently.

The technique is similar to that used for the Martin Matador guided missile with launching platforms being mounted on trucks for mobility. Arms attached to the platform raise the fighter to the launching angle, and, with jet engine at full throttle and the added thrust of a booster bottle, the fighter is immediately airborne. On take-off a peak accelerator of about four G's is reached.

Planes used for initial flights were Republic F-84-G Thunderjets. They were modified so that booster bottles could be attached under their tail sections.

## Bell Aircraft Is Developing Turbine-Powered Helicopter

Bell Aircraft Corp. has disclosed that it is working on an experimental turbine powered military helicopter. The new plane is designated the X-H13F.

The company has also stated that two new commercial helicopters previously announced will be put on the market this year. They are the 47H and 47J—deluxe versions of the standard Model 47—and will be aimed principally at the executive transport market.

## "Package" Torque Converter Is Offered by Borg-Warner

A complete "package" industrial torque converter will be offered this year by Borg-Warner Corp. It has set up a new operation for producing all the necessary components at its Long Mfg. Div. in Detroit.

A major supplier of torque converters to the automobile industry, B-W will offer the package unit to manufacturers of such equipment as hoists, cranes, cement mixers, riga and trucks. They will be available in diameters up to 26 in. for industrial engines with ratings of up to 500 hp.

## AND AVIATION INDUSTRIES

## Baker Bros. Acquires Hall Automotive Line

Baker Brothers, Inc., has acquired certain of the assets of the Hall Automotive Equipment Line of the Waterbury Tool Div. of Vickers, Inc. Production of Hall valve seat grinding machines and allied equipment has been transferred from Waterbury, Conn., to Toledo, O., where it will be carried on under the name Hall-Toledo.

G. V. C. Baker has been named vice-president in charge of Hall-Toledo, and Milo C. Gray, formerly sales manager of the Automotive Department of Waterbury Tool, will be general manager.

## Cost Factor Main Issue In New Highway Program

Cost apportionment is the most sensitive single issue related to the highway modernization program proposed to Congress by President Eisenhower.

Splitting the costs of this operation equitably among Federal, state and local governments is a basic part of the financing task; and financing, as seen by Rep. George A. Dondero (R., Mich.), is the "toughest problem" to be faced in creating a road and street system adequate to heavier traffic needs.

The ranking minority member of the House Public Works Committee, Rep. Dondero told the U. S. Chamber of Commerce National Conference on Highway Financing last month that, given enough money, the country can build highways and streets which will accommodate all types of users in safety.

Congress is to provide a start this year on an expanded program of highway building and improvement. There is no firm evidence, however, that many states are prepared to dig up the funds to begin a 10-year operation that could cost their governments and local governments more than \$25 billion.

Dr. Frederick H. Guild, research director for the Kansas Legislative Council, emphatically told the financing conferees that he sees little chance of putting the state portion of the

## CHEVROLET AND FORD FIGHT CLOSE BATTLE TO FINISH 1954 New Passenger Car Registrations\*

Arranged by Makes in Descending Order According to the 1954 Eleven Months' Totals
ELEVEN MONTHS

		Name to Catalon		Units		Per Cent of Total		
MAKE Ford Chevroise Butck Oldsmobile Plymouth Portiac Mercury Dodge Cadillac Chrysler Studehaker Nash De Sate Packard Linceln Hudson Willys Kaiser Misc. Domestic	November 1964 90, 287 104, 274 20, 718 24, 520 19, 918 36, 197 16, 570 11, 903 5, 9679 5, 588 9, 679 5, 588 2, 413 2, 910 1, 236 721 56	October 1964 113, 072 91, 140 42, 357 36, 992 16, 549 19, 630 19, 465 11, 115 8, 129 5, 775 6, 467 6, 719 5, 278 2, 872 2, 892 2, 872 1, 895 1, 429 1, 429 1	Nevember 1953 100, 697 1953 100, 780 20 35, 141 18, 329 47, 271 28, 378 29, 609 16, 678 10, 219 6, 253 156 4, 267 2, 772 2, 109 7772 301 1	1954 1,234,366 1,225,385 464,474 464,474 366,316 316,019 35,019 251,834 135,486 86,706 86,727 77,170 67,966 36,866 33,765 32,644 16,748 8,786 8,786 8,786 3,785 3,785 3,785 3,785 3,785 3,785 3,785 3,785	1963 1,015,604 1,256,460 1,258,460 1,258,460 1,258,258 1	1954 25. 15 24. 97 9. 47 7. 51 6. 68 5. 13 2. 76 1. 67 1. 67	1963 10.08 23.68 8.03 5.34 10.39 6.77 4.88 5.00 1.67 2.63 2.12 2.12 1.28 4.10 2.10 4.10 4.10 4.10 4.10 4.10 4.10 4.10 4	
Foreign	2,402	2,324	1,741	22,804	27,217	.46	.51	

\* Based on data from R. L. Polk & Co.

overall program across in the next two years.

Most controversial of the matters discussed at the conference in Washington was that of the position of toll roads in the highway building scheme. Opposite viewpoints were voiced by Kermit B. Rykken, special assistant to the executive vice-president, American Automobile Association, and H. E. Bailey, general manager of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

Mr. Rykken adhered to his associa-

tion's position that "toll roads are not the answer to our highway problem" and that "the interstate system should be toll free." Mr. Bailey, on the other hand, proposed that total responsibility for the interstate road system be given to a "national turnpike authority."

Well over 300 persons, including investment bankers and Federal Government officials, attended the financing conference. Represented were 30 states and 67 cities.

## FORD, WILLYS TRUCK SHOW PERCENTAGE GAINS OVER 1953 1954 New Truck Registrations\*

Arranged by Makes in Descending Order According to the 1954 Eleven Months' Totals
ELEVEN MONTHS

	Managhas	Outshee	Managhan	Units		Per Cent of Total	
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Total-All Makes	64,735	71,254	72,506	762,216	961,653	100.00	100.00

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# Men in the News





Plymouth Div., Chrysler Carp.—William L. Martin has been named sales manager, and Bruce E. Miller has been advanced to director of advertising.

Willys-Overland Export Corp.— J. C. Delaplain has been appointed vice-president and general manager.

Chrysler Corp.—H. F. Diegel was elected comptroller.

Pontiac Motor Div., General Motors Corp.—William H. Taylor, Jr., has been named assistant advertising manager.

Chrysler Corp. of Canada, Ltd.— G. Allan Foran is now secretary.





Studebaker-Packard Corp.—Walter R. Grant and E. E. Richards have assumed their duties as vice-president in charge of finance and treasurer, respectively.

Ford Motor Co.—V. Y. Tallberg was named executive assistant to the vice-president of engineering, and George E. Altmansberger was made director of engineering administration.

Delco Products Div., General Motors Corp.—J. N. Tilbrook has become defense contract administrator. Frank G. Carpenter succeeds him as general sales manager.





Niles-Bement-Pand Co.—James D. Allan is now director of machinery sales and John C. Malinar has been made vicepresident and general sales manager.

Budd Co.—Halton A. Coward and Ernest R. Schmidt have been made executive vice-presidents; and J. G. Richard Heckscher has been named vice-president.

Electric Auto-Lite Co.—Harold E. Hasemeyer has been appointed vice-president in charge of production, succeeding Byron A. Fay, retired. George Kessel is now manager of the Lockland, O., plant.

Tuthill Spring Co.— W. F. Fischer has been appointed general sales manager.



Ford Motor Co. — James O. Wright has been appointed director of purchasing.



Gisholt Machine Co.—The following executives have retired: Alfred B. Morey, vice-president and treasurer; F. M. Long, director of foreign sales; C. K. Swafford, vice-president; U. S. James, Detroit sales office manager; and Harold Earl, Moline sales office manager. H. A. Wadell was elected treasurer, and Arthur B. Morey was appointed assistant treasurer. E. K. Baxter and Robert Wellman were named managers of the Detroit and Moline sales offices.

Pratt & Whitney Div., Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—A. S. Burgoyne has been promoted to manager of domestic gage sales; A. F. Miller, Jr., manager of domestic cutting tool and precision parts sales; and J. B. Wilkie, assistant manager of the Cutting Tool and Gage Divs.

Republic Aviation Corp.—John A. Thompson was elected secretary, and George B. Estes has been appointed chief industrial engineer.



General Electric Co., Aircraft Gas Turbine Div.—J. S. Parker was named general manager.



Chevrolet Motor Div., General Motors Corp.—8. H. Holmes has been made assistant chief engineer.

## Necrology

Ronald S. Mackinnon, 74, former sales manager of McLaughlin Carriage Co., which later became General Motors of Canada, died Jan. 7, at Toronto, Ont.

Lionel S. Marks, 83, leading authority on engine design and pioneer in internal combustion engine development, died Jan. 6 at Cambridge, Mass.

Gunnar Berg, 55, specialty products manager of Westinghouse Electric International Co., died Jan. 7, at Teaneck, N. J.

Louis Wilson, Sr., 72, automotive and aviation inventor, died Jan. 7, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Harry W. Trump, 63, southwest district manager of the Industrial Div. of Timken Roller Bearing Co., died recently, at Dallas, Tex.

August S. Dusenberg, 75, builder of the famous automobiles and race cars bearing his name, died Jan. 18, at Indianapolis, Ind.

W. L. P. Althouse, 87, a founder of General Motors Corp., died Jan. 18, at Pasadena, Calif.

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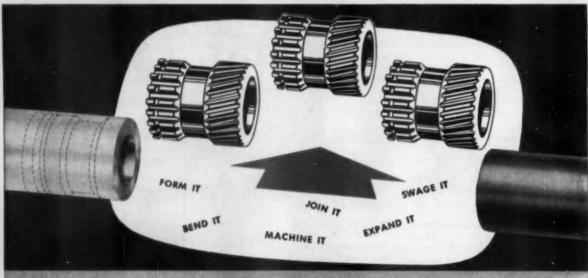
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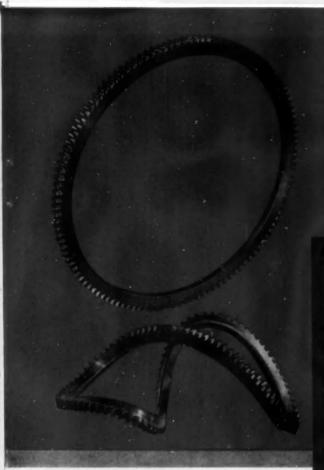
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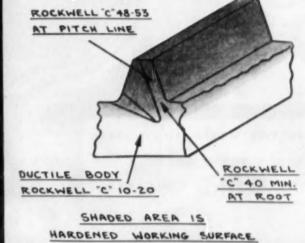
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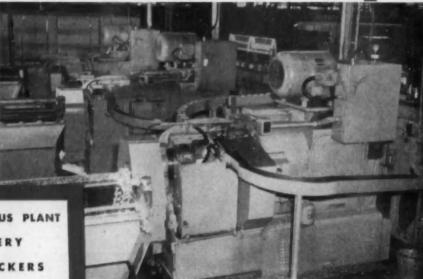
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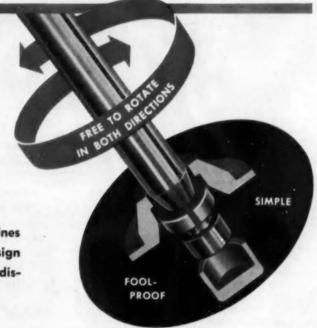
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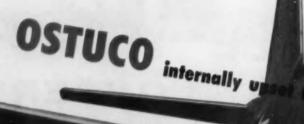


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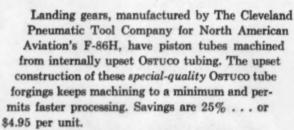
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# News of the MACHINERY INDUSTRIES

By Thomas Mac New

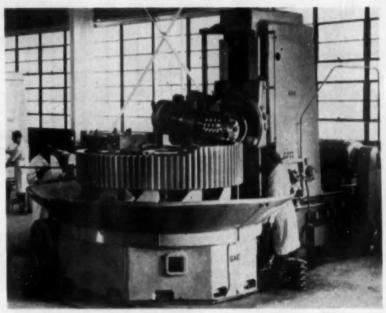
Increased Machine
Tool Business Expected During 1955
as Result of Plant
Modernization and
New Government
Orders

## Machine Tool Industry Looks for Improvement

Although business in the machine tool industry was disappointing in November last year, the industry has high expectations for 1955. Much of its optimism is based on the fact that many manufacturers are buying new machine tools for the first time in years, and new business from the Government is foreseen.

The recent Government authorization to purchase \$150 million worth of long lead time or "elephant" tools for the military should pick up business somewhat this year. Bigger civilian orders, which the industry expects as a result of modernization, will add to the increased business.

In Dayton, Ohio, Air Materiel Command personnel are working on specifications for \$84.6 million worth of the long lead time tools that will be bought by the Air Force. The specifications will contain performance characteristics to be expected for each type of tool. AMC will negotiate contracts directly with the machine tool builders when specifications are completed. When the preliminary specifications are prepared, tool builders will prepare engineering proposals on the equipment they wish to build and then AMC will develop final specifications. Tool manufacturers will then be asked to quote on the finalized specifications.



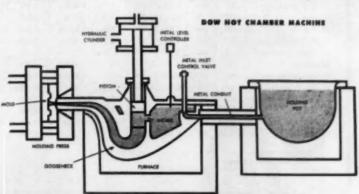
One of the largest machines of its kind in this country, a huge 132 in. Gould & Eberhardt heavy duty gear hobber, capable of doing precision work in gear blanks up to and including 132 in. diam,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. C. P. and 54 in. face, has recently been added to the production facilities of illinois Gear & Machine Co., Chicago. This gigantic gear hobber will cut spur, helical and worm gears to a tolerance of 0.0003 in. for maximum tooth spacing error, and to a tolerance of within 0.001 in. for the parallelism of the teeth. It will safely handle a work table load of 100,000 lb.

Statistics released by the National Machine Tool Builders Association show that November, 1954, orders dropped to the lowest level since May, 1950. The November figure totaled

\$35 million as compared with \$44 million the same month of 1953. Although figures are not yet available for December, the industry expects the final report to look a little more encouraging. It is estimated that new business booked in 1954 was down more than 35 per cent, amounting to about \$535 million against more than \$850 million in 1953.

## Dow Has Hot Die Casting Method

A new die casting process has been developed by Dow Chemical Co. for magnesium parts. In the new system, known as the hot chamber process, is a continuous and automatic method in which molten metal is supplied by (Turn to page 92, please)



# New Highs Established in Horsepower and Torque

NSTEAD of relaxing, the BIG engine race has established dramatic firsts for 1955. Up to now the battle of the giants has been confined to the small group in the medium and high priced brackets. In 1955 the Big Three-Chevrolet, Ford, and Plymouth-make history by boosting horsepower of their new V-8's considerably above the level of all top engines of 1950. A search of the record (see AI, March 15, 1950) reveals that only Cadillac and the Packard Custom line boasted 160-hp in 1950; while the Buick Roadmaster and Lincoln were at 152.

The following year Chrysler zoomed to 180-hp. 1951 was the year of the big shift that started the avalanche.

The first of the bench marks for '55 is the rating of the Big Three: Ford and Chevrolet with 162-hp standard V-8's; Plymouth with a choice of 157 and 167. In addition, each of the three offers a hot rod package with special equipment, Ford topping these options with 182-hp.

The second bench mark is found in the top, top ratings (see Table 1): Packard Caribbean — 275 hp; Cadillac Eldorado—270 bhp; Packard — 260; Cadillac, Imperial, and Chrysler New Yorker—250.

The third phase may be easily the most significant: it is an industry-wide move to promote torque as the best criterion of acceleration, performance, safe passing on the highway. Values of torque, at moderate speeds, have been upped on every engine.

This emphasis on torque introduces a new dimension in sales and promotion and advertising. Torque is no mystery to the engineer. But it is completely foreign to everyone else. It will be necessary to educate sales department personnel, advertising people, and the consumBy Joseph Geschelin

## TABLE I

## Comparative Data 1955 OHV V-8 PASSENGER CAR ENGINES

Make	BHP (max.)	Dis- placement (cu in.)	Hatio Bhp/cu in.	Torque (fb ft)	Com- pression Ratio	Bore/Stroke Ratio	Ratio Torque/cu in.
1. Gadillac Elderado	270	331	0.816	345		1.05 to 1	1.042
2. Packard Caribbean	275	352	0.781	365	8.5	1.14 to 1	1.008
3. Cadillac	250	331	0.755	345		1.05 to 1	1.042
4, Chrysler New Yorker	250	331	0.755	340	8.5	1.05 to 1	1.027
S. Imperial	250	331	0.785	340	8.5	1.65 to 1	1.027
6. Packard	260	362	0.739	355	8.5	1.14 to 1	1.006
7. Buick Series 50, 80, 70.	236	322	0.733	230		1.25 to 1	1.025
8. Dodge*	193	270	0.715	245	7.6	1.11 to 1	0.907
9. Studebaker President	185	259	0.714	256	7.5	1.10 to 1	0.900
10. Buick Series 40	186	284	0.712	286	8.4	1.13 to 1	0.970
11. Clipper	225	329	0.703	325	8	1.00 to 1	1.015
12. Clipper Gustern	245	362	0.896	355	8.5	1.14 to 1	1.006
13. DeSete Fireflite	200	291	0.687	274	7.5	1.11 to 1	0.942
14. Plymouth*	177	260	0.601	231	7.6	1.10 to 1	9.886
18. Chevrolet*	180	265	0.679	260	. 8	1.25 to 1	0.981
16. Dodge Custom Royal	183	270	0.678	245	7.6	1.11 to 1	0.907
17. Ford Thunderbird!	196	292	0.678	286	8.5	1.14 to 1	0.979
18. Mercury Montclair	196	292	0.678	286	8.8	1.14 to 1	0.979
19. Ford*	182	272	0.000	268	8.5	1.10 to 1	0.985
20. Ford Thunderbird	193	202	0.061	280	8.1	1.14 to 1	0.959
21. Lincoln	225	341	0.660	342	8.8	1,13 to 1	1.003
22. Plymouth	167	241	0.652	217	7.6	1.06 to 1	0.900
23. Hudson Hornet	206	320	0.650	300	7.8	1.00 to 1	0.973
24. Nash Ambassador	206	320	0.650	300	7.8	1.09 to 1	0.973
25. Dodge	175	270	0.646	240	7.6	1.11 to 1	0.009
26. Marcury		292	0.044	274	7.6	1.14 to 1	0.936
27. Plymouth Belveders	. 167	260	0.642	221	7.6	1.10 to 1	0.888
28. DoSoto Firedome	. 185	291	0.636	245	7.5	1.11 to 1	0.842
29. Pontiac	. 190	287	0.627	264	8	1.15 to 1	0.919
30. Chrysler Windser	. 188	301	0.625	275		1.00 to 1	0.914
31. Olds 98 and Super 68 .	. 202	324	0.623	332	8.5	1.13 to 1	1.025
32. Studebaker Commande	r 162	250	0.022	250	7.5	1.10 to 1	0.965
33. Chevrolet	. 162	265	0.611	257	8	1.25 to 1	0.970
34. Fard	. 162	272	0.596	256	7.6	1.10 to 1	0.948
35. Olds 88	. 185	324	0.571	320	8.5	1.13 to 1	0.688

<sup>&</sup>quot; With power package.

<sup>†</sup> With automatic transmission

ing public. It will have to be done by explaining in familiar language—and by analogy with familiar things—before the idea can take hold. And it will have to be explained to the newspaper men and writers, who are the link with the buying public.

This year, too, marks the passing of all inline eights in the passenger car field as well as a reduction in the number of sixes. Nevertheless, sixes remain firmly entrenched with Ford, Chevrolet, and Plymouth where these engines constitute an important attribute for commercial vehicles, fleet and taxicab operations, and segments of the car buying public more interested in operating economy.

The swing to V-8's this year has been so dramatic that our yearly analysis is being confined exclusively to V-8's. Besides more than doubling the list of engines considered heretofore, Table 1 has been expanded in scope of characteristics as well. To indicate the design trend we have added a column on torque; one on bore/stroke ratio; and two special criteria (for what they may be worth)—the ratio of bhp/cu in., and the ratio of torque/cu in.

The yardstick of torque/cu in. was chosen deliberately out of two alternatives, the other being a calculation of bmep. The writer felt that torque/cu in. was more directly related to the comparison at hand.

Admittedly the latter two criteria are exercises in analysis since no attempt is made to relate them to a uniform set of conditions such as engine speed or gross vehicle weight. On the other hand, since so much emphasis is being placed upon horsepower and torque ratings, these ratios provide at least a measure of comparison — two flexible yardsticks.

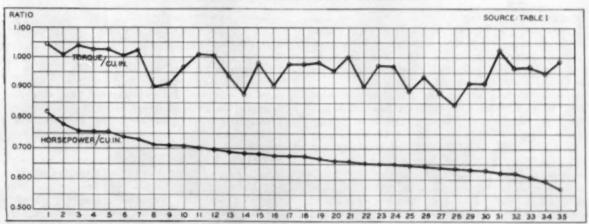
It may be noted at this point that Table 1 is arranged in a descending order of values (Turn to page 104, please)

TABLE II
Comparative Ratings Torque/cu. in.
1955 PASSENGER CAR V-8 ENGINES

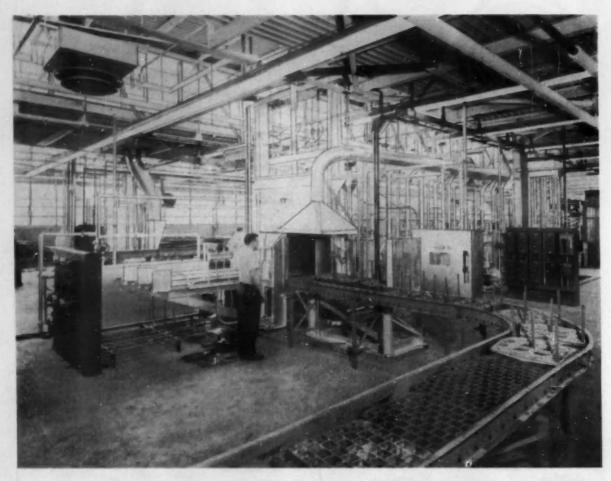
		Torque/cu in.	Ranking Bhp/ou in.
1.	Cadillac Elderada	1.042	1
2.	Cadillac	1.042	3
3,	Chrysler New Yorker	1.027	4
4,	Imperial	1.027	
5.	Buick Series 50, 60, 70	1.025	7
6.	Olds 96 and Super 86	1.025	31
7.	Clipper	1.015	11
B.	Clipper Custem	1.000	12
9.	Packard	1.006	
10.	Packard Caribbean	1.000	2
11.	Lincoln	1.003	21
12.	Studebaker President	0.000	
13.	Olds 88	0.988	35
14.	Ford*	0.905	10
15.	Chevrolet*	0.981	16
16.	Ford Thunderbird*	0.979	17
17.	Mercury Montolair	0.979	16
18.	Hudson Hornet	0.973	23
19.	Nash Ambassation	0.973	24
20.	Buick 40	0.970	10
21.	Chevrolet	0.970	33
22.	Studebaker Commander	0.965	32
23.	Ford Thunderbird	0.900	20
24.	Ford	0.949	34
25.	DeSate Fireflite	0.942	13
26.	Mercury,	0.938	26
27.	Pentiac	0.919	29
28.	Chrysler Windsor	0.914	30
29.	Dedge*	0.907	
30.	Dedge Custom Royal	0.907	16
31.	Plymouth	0.900	22
32.	Dodge.	0.888	25
33.	Plymouth*,	0.888	14
34.	Plymouth Belvedere	0.888	27
36.	Delieto Firedome	0.842	28

<sup>\*</sup> With Power Package

## COMPARATIVE GRAPH—1955 V-8 ENGINES



<sup>†</sup> With Automatic Transmission



Charge end of one of the pusher gas carburizers showing return conveyor arrangement with a long run on the other side of the furnace, extending into a loop through a washer and dryer to the left in this picture.

## **Heat Treating of Aircraft**

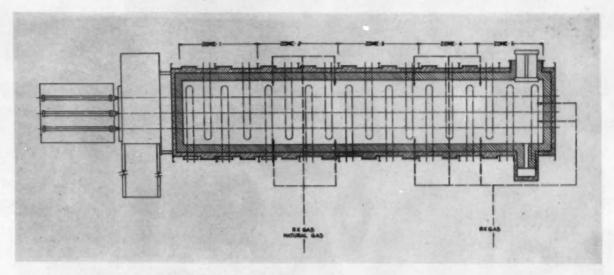
In line with the overall picture of extremely rigid production and inspection standards in all phases of the aircraft industry, power gears for aircraft engines must be held to extremely close tolerances during all stages of production in order to achieve the maximum attainable strength-weight ratio.

Machining operations are highly critical on aircraft gears because of the superior finish found necessary for these applications. Due to the ever present "strength-weight ratio" problem, it is increasingly important that the right materials be used and that they receive the right heat treatment. Excellent results are obtained by using low carbon alloy steels with the teeth carburized and made very hard. High nickel alloys, such as the AMS 6260 and 6263 steels, are used for their deep hardening characteristics and

resulting excellent uniformity of core through varied cross sections. To attain the best machining structure, forgings are normalized in the as-received condition.

Tolerances are held very close and the finish on all machined surfaces must be completely free of any tool mark or scratches. It is also required that, after carburizing, the gears be slowly cooled to room temperature before reheating for hardening. If a heat treatment "misses" the first time the work often cannot be reprocessed.

To achieve the required close tolerances yet maintain large production rates at the Aircraft Gear Div. of Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, Ind., two Surface Combustion pusher tray controlled atmosphere gas carburizing furnaces are utilized. Each furnace has three



Plan view of continuous carburizer showing location of zones, thermocouples and prepared atmosphere inlets.

Great Care Necessary at Each Step in Carburizing, Cooling, Reheating, Quenching, Etc., of Shafts and Gears for Highest Strength-Weight Ratio

By C. A. Payntor, Chief Metallurgist Aircraft Gear Division, Dana Corp.

## **Engine Gears**

rows of work that pass between U-shaped, gas-fired radiant tube heating elements situated above and below the work. Each row is independently controlled and operated by a hydraulic pusher cylinder of constant stroke length, adjusted to any interval required. In addition, the furnace contains a combination charge car and door, an inner charge door, a stripper, a push-out mechanism, an inner discharge door, and a discharge vestibule door. All motions with the exception of closing the charge car door and the discharge door are all automatically controlled by the cycle. The charge car is controlled by a push button and the discharge vestibule door by a foot switch. The charge vestibule is automatically purged when the charge door closes, and the discharge vestibule is automatically purged whenever the outside door is operated.

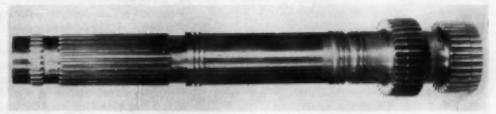
These three-row pusher gas carburizers provide several varieties of automatic operating cycles for varying case depth and production requirements. These basic variations are:

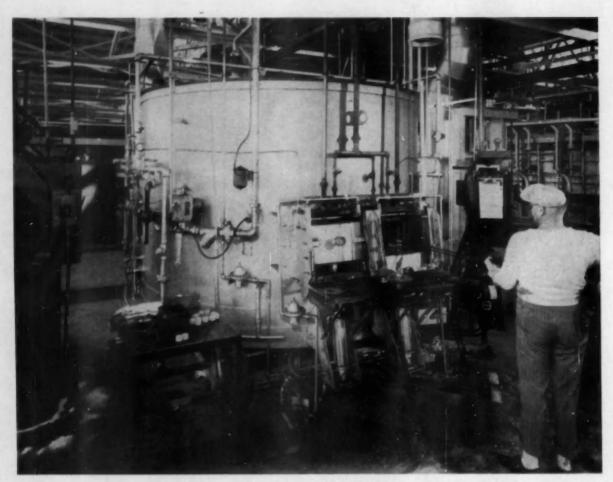
- 1. The same case depth on all three rows of work.
- 2. A different case depth on each row.
- One case on any two rows, a different case on the other row.

Three classes of case depths are produced with a surface concentration of 0.90 to 1.00 per cent C.

1. 0.020-0.030 in. 2. 0.030-0.040 in. 3. 0.055-0.065 in. The capacity of each furnace is based on a gross production of 1036 lb per hr. The base cycle involves heating the work from cold to 1650 F, holding at this temperature until proper case and concentration are







Rotary hearth controlled atmosphere furnace, one of three used for reheating for hardening. Quench presses and a special direct quench tank with elevator are within easy reach of operator

duly achieved and then cooling the charge to 800 F.

To achieve the required furnace cooling to room temperature after carburizing and before reheating for hardening, as required for aircraft gears and parts, the continuous gas carburizing furnaces are each divided into five zones of automatically controlled temperature — (1) – 1550 F; (2) – 1650 F; (3) – 1625 F; (4) – 1300 F; and (5) – 800 F. To circulate the atmosphere gases, Zones 2 and 3 have heat resisting alloy roof fans with water-cooled bearing assemblies.

In Zone 5, the trays of parts are cooled to about 800 F before discharging. Controlled cooling is accomplished in this indirect cooling zone by pulling air through the radiant tube heating elements with an exhaust fan. The fan is connected to the radiant tubes by a steel pipe manifold arrangement.

After cooling to proper temperature, the trays are pulled onto a return conveyor on which they are moved, by means of an air cylinder and pusher "dog" arrangement, to the unloading point. At this same point, the green parts are identified by heat treat code, loaded onto the previously emptied trays, and

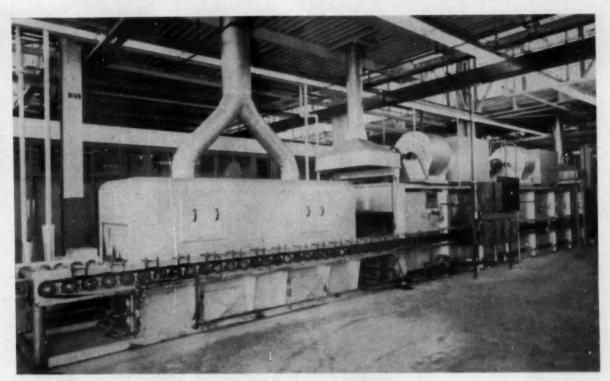
sent through a wash, rinse and dry before entering the carburizing furnace.

An average tray load of AMS 6260 steel gears would remain in the furnace about 12.5 hr from charge to discharge.

RX (endothermic) gas from a battery of generators is enriched with natural gas in Zone 2 and used straight in Zones 3, 4 and 5. A dewpoint will be + 23 F in Zone 2 and + 28 F in Zone 3.

The split manifold arrangement for furnace atmosphere supply provides an atmosphere of proper carbon potential to achieve the desired surface carbon concentration in the carburizing zones by introducing a mixture of RX carrier gas enriched with natural gas by an individual header and four inlets in Zone 2. The other header introduces straight RX gas to the diffusion zones of the furnace.

To maintain close control over the carbon potential of the furnace atmosphere, carbon concentration bars are run regularly. To check case depth, a test pin is pushed every two hours and adjacent work in the furnace assigned heat treat numbers keyed to that pin. These pins are then kept on file for reference.



Convection heated draw furnace tied into the rotary hardening furnaces by a power and gravity conveyor arrangement.

Washer is in the foreground

Additional flat pins are also run periodically and are hardened and ground in a manner similar to the parts being controlled in order to check the potential Rockwell hardness before the production parts are actually reheated and quenched.

The continuous carburizing capacity is supplemented by two pit type Leeds & Northrup Homocarb furnaces with cooling pits. These furnaces provide a desired balance in the overall setup of carburizing equipment. Case depth is controlled by pulling test pins from the load at intervals during the cycle.

Practically all production through the carburizers has some areas copper plated (0.0006-0.0012 in.) to stop off the carburizing action. After carburizing and cooling, this copper is stripped before the parts are reheated for hardening except in instances where the copper plate covers areas that do not contact the quench dies. In these cases the parts go direct to a controlled atmosphere rotary hardening furnace in which the atmosphere is held in balance with the carbon content of the case.

Other parts are given a "flash" copper plate (0.0003-0.0006 in.) before hardening. These involve areas which will be either broached for splines or shaper cut in core hardened areas after hardening. When recessed core areas prove hard to plate, a copper "stop off" paint is used over the copper plate. The hardening operation on copper flashed parts is executed from a rotary furnace in which the dew point of the atmosphere is held at about 50 F.

Where intermediate machining is required, parts are given a stress relief, after carburizing. This op-

eration is carried out in a Surface Combustion controlled atmosphere rotary hearth furnace of the same type used in reheating for hardening. A DX (exothermic) atmosphere is used in this furnace, for the surface protection of the parts, as the furnace atmosphere is about 1290 F. In most cases this stress relief will bring the surface hardness of the cased areas down from about 45-50 Rockwell C to a reading of 25-30 Rockwell C.

Reheating for hardening is carried out in any of three Surface Combustion radiant tube equipped rotary hearth furnaces. RX prepared gas atmosphere is used in the heating chamber to protect the parts surface from scaling, sooting or decarburization.

Parts are placed on trays by the operator and pushed onto the rotating hearth through a foot-operated door. The hardening temperature is 1500 F and a tray of parts takes 80-90 min to move through the entire arc of travel before withdrawal through the other door. The heating cycle is slow in order to minimize distortion. The rate of discharge of the work is also geared to the Gleason quenching cycle. Approximately 85 per cent of the parts are die quenched, on one of several quench presses while the balance are direct quenched in oil on a special batch quench tank with a unique elevator arrangement.

Quenching oil, which must be kept in clean uniform condition for best results, is conditioned automatically in a central storage and cleaning system supplied by Bell & Gossett.

Each rotary furnace has five No. 16 Gleason presses (Turn to page 92, please)

## **Coaxial Power Steering Gear Produced**

on

## Precision Equipment

By Joseph Geschelin

Here is a perspective of one side of the Chrysier power steering final assembly dependent, showing one of the two, 120-ft power convoyor lines. In the background are the sub-assembly benches, feeding the assembly line.



RACH new plant introduced on the automotive scene has evolved from some basic philosophy of manufacturing, reflecting the thinking and planning for a specific product. This is especially true of Chrysler Corporation's Trenton plant for producing coaxial power steering gear. By the very nature of the product, the machining and processing of individual components requires painstaking attention to quality control, and demands exceptionally fine tolerances on dimensions, as well as unusually fine surface finishes. Power steering mechanism is strictly a precision-made product.

In keeping with these requirements, the equipment found in this plant consists of makes and types noted for their ability to produce to fine dimensional tolerances.

At the present writing, the Trenton plant provides 171,205 sq ft of floor space for power steering manufacture and assembly. It includes some 413 items of new milling, drilling and boring, grinding, and honing machines, as well as 127 pieces of heat treating, impregnating, and shot blasting equipment.

Although Chrysler's coaxial power steering stems from a unique, basic design, the product is manufactured in two different sizes—one for Plymouth and Dodge, the other for De Soto and Chrysler. While the principal difference between the two is in the size of the housing, from a production standpoint it is necessary to machine similar components of different sizes and this has resulted in the establishment of parallel lines of similar equipment, as well as two separate final assembly lines. Processing and quality control for both types are exactly the same.

This study is intended simply as a highspotting of some of the interesting operations on a group of selected parts. To cover the wealth of production detail of the entire operation would be quite beyond the scope of even a series of articles.

Before proceeding with details of the operation, it is of interest to note that the requirements of close dimensional tolerances and fine surface finishes have served to introduce a variety of precision-boring equipment, Micromatic honing machines for finishing bores, Jones & Lamson and Ex-Cell-O thread grinders, and an interesting array of broaching machines—for surface broaching, keyway broaching, and the unique Ex-Cell-O Scru-Broach for broaching the ball race in the connector.

Noteworthy, too, is the fact that all of the Sundstrand milling machines are equipped with carbide tools and are run without cutting fluid. Milling is done at exceptionally high cutting speeds and feeds, removing metal at extremely high rates.

The largest component of the mechanism is the aluminum lower housing. In the machining of this housing, as well as the upper housing, Chrysler has elected to provide a basic system of location from two "construction" bands, machined at the upper and lower ends. Machined from the rough in Lo-Swing lathes, to close tolerances, these bands or pilots provide accurate locations for succeeding operations.

Preliminary machining is done in a group of special Buhr machines. The first of these, a two-way, six-station, trunnion type machine, handles the following operations: finish-mill the cover face; drill and tap three holes in the cover face; rough- and semi-finish semi-circle in cover face; finish face boss; rough- and semi-finish counterbore; rough- and semi-finish shaft bore.

Next in line is a Buhr, two-way, nine-station trunnion type machine that handles the housing lengthwise for boring from both ends. It performs the following operations: finish-face; rough- and finish-bore; rough- and semi-finish bearing and shoulder; form groove. On the opposite side: rough- and semi-finish-bore large diameter; semi-finish flanged end; other boring and facing operations; rough-form recess in cylinder bore; drill, chamfer, and tap three holes in flanged end.

The third Buhr machine is a vertical type special multiple-spindle drilling machine for drilling two holes; forming five spherical radii; milling five-deg and nine-deg angles on the pad.

Following some detail drilling operations, the housing is presented to a group of two Ex-Cell-O No. 112 Senior two-spindle precision-boring machines, followed by finish boring simultaneously from all surfaces in a special Ex-Cell-O four-way precision-boring machine. The latter handles a variety of stepped boring operations—including counterboring, chamfering, grooving, etc., as well as boring.

Final major operation is honing of the cylinder bore in a vertical Micromatic honing machine, holding diameter to 3.374-3.376 in., and holding surface finish to a maximum of 15 microinches. All housings then are pressure tested for soundness in water with air pressure of 200 psi.

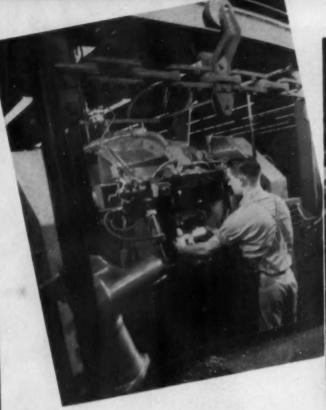
One of the most intricate parts from the standpoint of processing is the connector. Machined from bar stock in 25%-in., eight-spindle Conomatics to provide the formed

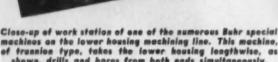


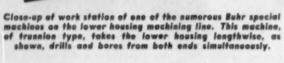
Milling the two massive keys in the connector from the solid body is done in this Sandstrand mill. The operation is done dry, with high cutter speed and rapid feed.

Jones & Lamson precision thread grinders are emplayed for form-grinding the worm for precise fitting with the connector.





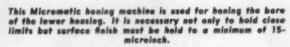






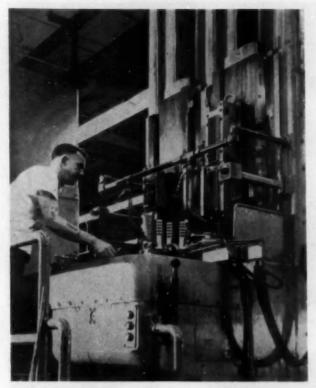
Looking down on the work station of the special Ex-Cell-O four-way precision-boring machine for boring the lower housing from four sides.

Among the variety of large, vertical broaching machines in the plant is this La Pointe broach for broaching the two large keyways in the upper housing.









Rack teeth are broached from the solid in this enormous No. 10/66 Cincinnati Duplex Hydromatic surface broaching machine. The job is handled in two settings—finishing the top surface at the left; then cutting the teeth at the station on the right.

and drilled blank, it is rough- and semi-finish ground on the OD in successive stages in Cincinnati Centerless grinders, holding the diameter in each case to plus or minus 0.001 in. Next comes one of the realiy unusual steps—milling of two deep keys, one on each side of the part, from the solid bar. This is done in a Sundstrand Rigidmillifitted with an automatically-indexing fixture, indexing 180 deg to present the opposite side after one key has been finished. Secret of the success of this operation is the use of milling cutters of special design, fitted with carbide inserts and cutting dry. Cutters are operated at 750 rpm, with feed of 13.2 in. per minute.

A flat is broached on one end in an American broaching machine; then a series of drilling, forming, chamfering, and tapping operations is performed in an 18-spindle Kreuger-Barnes, eight-station Feedex machine. A noteworthy feature of this machine is the experimental installation of an electric sensing attachment at one station—drilling two extra deep holes—designed to sense the extra pressure in the event of a broken drill. In case of drill breakage the sensing device will stop the machine.

Following washing and copper plating, the connector is presented to an Ex-Cell-O Scru-Broach in which the helical ball race groove is generated from the solid bore with a special broaching tool. The work then is washed, heattreated, rereamed, recentered, finish-ground on the OD in a Norton 10 by 18 grinder, and the two keys semi-finish-and finish-ground successively in 6 by 18 Norton surface

grinders. In the latter operation width is held to 0.2495-0.2515 in., maintaining a tolerance of 0.0015 in. from the center, holding the length of flat to plus or minus 0.005 in.

Two bores in the connector are finish-ground in a double-index cycle in a No. 271 Heald Sizematic internal grinder. The ball race then is finish-ground in a special Ex-Cell-O thread grinder; while the external thread is ground from the solid in a Jones & Lamson thread grinder.

After inspection both the worm and connector are color coded to provide for selective fitting of mating parts within 0.0005 in. Control of maximum clearance is imperative to provide for proper fitting of the precision bearing balls.

The piston or valve body of the unit is of cast iron, machined in two operations in New Britain Modei 675, six-spindle, automatic chucking machines — one taking one side, the other the opposite side. The operations are quite similar—Ist operation: turning OD, facing, core drilling, boring, reaming, recessing and chamfering; 2nd operation: turn OD, facing, forming grooves, recessing, core drilling, boring, reaming, chamfering. A distinctive feature of these machines is the development of special tooling for producing recesses for O-rings, held to tolerances previously considered possible only in a precision-boring machine but done at a much higher rate.

Pistons then are ground on the OD in Cincinnati Centerless grinders; finish-bored, grooved, and chamfered in Heald, double-end, two-station Bore-Matics; drilled, milled, reamed in a special horizontal machine; and internally ground to 2.000-2.001 in. in a Heald Gage-Matic centerless internal grinder.

Following this, the piston is assembled with the set of five rings to produce the valve assem-

One of the earliest production installations of Wagner plating equipment is the copper plating unit seen here.



bly. For this operation the piston is heated in an adjacent furnace to 457-500 F, then placed in a six-ton American press to pressin the previously prepared assembly of five rings. As an assembly the part is precision-bored in a Heald double-end Bore-Matic, then ground in a Heald internal centerless grinder, and after washing honed to 1.0000-1.0003 in. in a Micromatic honing machine.

Incidentally, the spool valve, later fitted to the valve body, is ground in a Cincinnati Centerless grinder, then finished in a Cincinnati Centerless Lapper to limits of 0.9997-0.9999 in. with surface finish better than 10 microinches. Spools are selectively fitted in the body at assembly with maximum variation of 0.0006 in.

It is also noteworthy that rings and spacers for the piston are lapped on their faces so that thickness variation does not exceed plus or minus 0.0002 in.

The rack involves some extremely fussy operations to provide for accurate mating with the sector. It comes in as a steel forging, is faced and centered at both ends in a Sundstrand double-end milling and centering machine; rough- and finishturned on the stem end in successive settings in Sundstrand Stub lathes. Finish machiningturning and facing the flange, drilling and reaming, chamfering and recessing, undercutting and centering-is done in a sixspindle 15% Cone chucking machine.

Rack teeth are produced by broaching in two operations in a No. 10/66 Cincinnati Duplex Hydromatic broach. Work is loaded in the fixture on the left hand for broaching to produce the top surface of the teeth,

then loaded into the right hand fixture where the teeth are cut at an angle of 70 deg, 30 sec to the top face. The part then is washed, carburized, hardened and drawn, and shot-blasted in a Pangborn cabinet.

Centers now are lapped in an Ex-Cell-O lapper, the stem semi-finish ground and adjacent face of flange finish-ground in a Norton 30-deg grinder. Stem diameter next is finish-ground in a Norton grinder; and the



This is the Ex-Cell-O precision thread grinder, set up for form-grinding the internal ball race in the connector.



One of several large Cincinnati Flamatic hardening machines in the heat treating department. This one is set up for hardening gear sector teeth.

larger diameters as well as the adjacent face finishground in another Norton 30-deg grinder.

Broaching of rack teeth is taken so seriously, because of the precise mating required with the sector, that special measures were taken in the design of the broach. It is made up of four individual sections, each one taking a specific tooth. Each section, in turn, is

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# Studebaker's New Models with Higher Horsepower

TUDEBAKER-PACKARD CCRP. has announced the development of a new Advanced Series to round out the 1955 passenger car offerings of the company's Studebaker Division. President models in the new series will have V-8 engines with 185 hp and Commander models will feature new engines with 162 hp. These power plants will be standard in all other models in the President and Commander lines. Piston displacement of the engines is 259.2 cu in. Compression ratio is 7.5 to 1 with 8 to 1 optional.

Air conditioning and two new power assist options also are being introduced by Studebaker.

The Advanced Series, to be known as Ultra Vista models, will be available in sedans and station wagons, featuring wrap-around windshields with 20 per cent greater glass area.

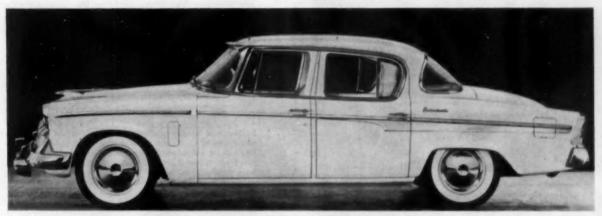
The new windshield design complements the stream-

lined styling of sedans in the Champion, Commander and President series. Hardtop convertibles, five-passenger sports coupes, and the special built "Speedster" retain their contours and long, low silhouette with their original wide-angle-vision windshields.

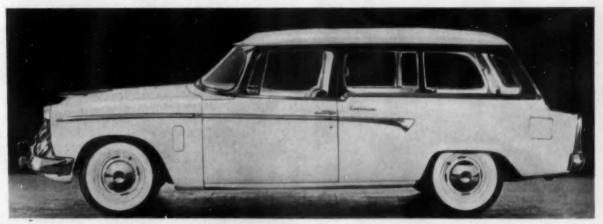
The new model windshields contain 1105 sq in, of glass, an increase of 187 sq in. The models also have a newly designed instrument panel which conforms to the wrap-around windshield and features push-pull switches.

Air conditioning is offered as a new extra cost option on Commander and President sedans. Power window lifts and two-way power seat controls are available on the full line as options at extra cost, along with power brakes and power steering.

Kits available for installation as an accessory on the 162-hp engine provide approximately 20 additional hp.



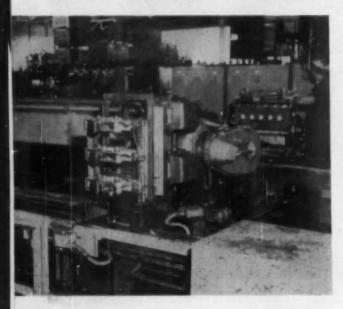
Studebaker President State Sedan, one of the new Ultra Vista models



The 1955 Studebaker Commander Regal station wagon







## **MOTOR DRIVEN**

## **By David Scott**

NE unusual feature of the engine line at General Motors' Vauxhall plant in Luton, England, is the "motoring" setup for turning over and flushing car and truck engines while assembly and final adjustments are being completed. Each engine is driven for 18 min at 450 rpm by an individual 5 hp electric motor which is carried along the assembly conveyor by the engine pallet.

At the end of this 100-ft section of the line, motors are automatically decoupled from the engines and returned by fast conveyor to the head of the loop circuit. Eighteen motor units are used, including the two that are always joining and leaving the line.

Principal objective of this installation is the

#### TOP-

Latter half of the motoring section viewed from the power control platform over the center of the line. Engines on the assembly conveyor, coupled to electric drive units, are moving away towards completion. Bus bars feeding the motors run along the center. One drive unit on its trolley is being brought back along the fast return rails by an endless chain. Oil draining from the engines is guttered under the tracks to a central collecting pipe for subsequent re-use.

#### MIDDLE-

As the returning drive unit approaches the end of the rails, if trips a series of switches which first slow, then step, the propelling chain. It then coasts onto the final cross-traversing section of track. On the assembly line, work done on the driven engines includes tappet adjustment and ignition timing. On ckd engines for overseas assembly plants, a measured amount of lanolizing oil is injected into the intake manifold. (Guard rails have been removed.)

### BOTTOM-

Electric driving unit and trolley at rest on the shuttiling rig. Cross travel is synchronized with the movement of the assembly conveyor by a switch tripped by each pallet. The horizontal limit switch shown acts as an interlock to prevent this movement if the trolley is not properly located. The three brushes supplying the electric motor will wipe the bus bars paralleling the conveyor.

## **ENGINES**

# on the Assembly Line

internal washing of engines which have been built in an open shop adjacent to machining areas. During the running period, oil is externally pumped into and circulated through each engine at the rate of 2.6 gpm. At the same time, engines receive a preliminary bedding-in under carefully controlled conditions.

The accompanying illustrations show details of the cycle on the Velox and Wyvern lines, where output is 380 engines per day.

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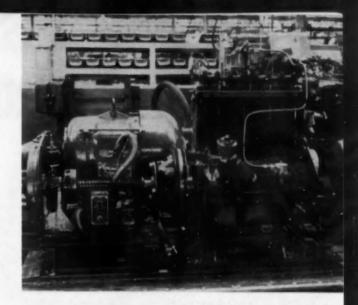
The forward-moving carrier frame of the driving unit is positively located on the assembly conveyor by two strips on each poliet. The shuttling rig remains in the forward position until the trolley is fully on the 100-ft front rails. The spring-loaded splined drive-shaft (safety cover removed) is automatically extended to couple with the engine clutch. The operator will then connect a hose from the individual oil pump, driven by the electric motor, to a blanking plate covering the oil filter mounting facing on the back of the engine block. The driving motor is started manually by pushbutton, and the pump picks up oil through a hose trailing in a trough beneath the rails.

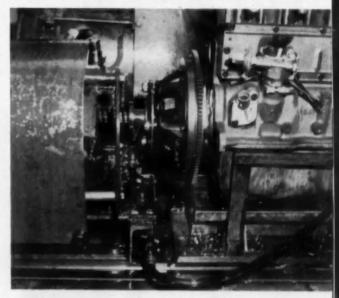
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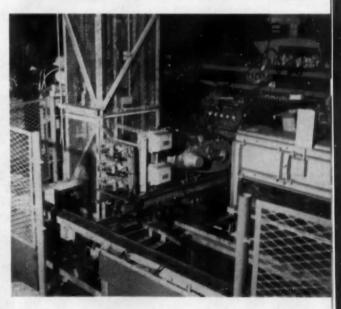
Close-up showing details of coupling. The three dowols on the circular plate on the driving shaft engage spring holes in the clutch cover. Outward movement of the splined shaft is effected by a release arm which is automatically tripped at the start of the metoring section. Clean oil heated to 180 F is pumped into the engine. Plug in the oil pan is left out, and oil drains continuously back to the main reservoir. Equipment for filtering, heating and pumping oil for the entire system is on the floor below. Spark plug holes are normally closed by threaded dummies to maintain compression during the running period.

### BOTTOM-

At the end of the motoring section the electric motor is stopped and automatically decoupled from the engine. When positioned on the tracks of the shuttling rig, the driving unit (shown here in transit) is withdrawn to line up with the fast return tracks. Vertical caging at the left encloses the counterweight connected by cable to the shuttling conveyor. Appropriate limit and trip switches, operated by the driving unit in its travel, start and speed up the propelling chain, and return the shuttling rig to receive the next unit. (Guard rail removed.)







# at PACKARD—a New Setup for

DUPPLEMENTING the several previous articles dealing with the Packard V-8 engine plant in Utica, Mich., this one covers the highlights of piston and connecting rod production.

The aluminum alloy pistons are received in roughturned state from the vendors to provide for location in first operation equipment. First major operation is the rough-turning of ring lands and facing the dome in eight-spindle, National Acme-Gridley automatics. This is followed by rough- and semi-finish-boring of piston pin holes; chamfering and finish-grooving the pin holes; spot-facing; and rough- and finish-boring and facing of weight bosses, in a four-station, six-spindle Hartford Special trunnion-type machine.

A Modern, eight-spindle drilling machine drills the eight smoke holes in the No. 3 ring groove. The eight heads are arranged radially about the central fixture, the plane of the drill heads being inclined to the horizontal to facilitate loading and unloading.

Sundstrand 8A x 24 in. automatic stub lathes handle the finish-turning of ring lands and skirt; finish-facing and chamfering of the dome; and rough- and finish-turning of ring grooves. A noteworthy feature of these machines is the application of automatic loading and unloading of work. This is done by the action of a single arm, unloading and delivering the machined piston to an out-going chute, then picking a rough piston from the loading magazine chute and loading it into the machine.

Norton 6-in. piston grinders, fitted with Hautau automation for loading and unloading, finish-grind the elliptical skirt, holding maximum diameter to a total limit of 0.00200 in.

Pistons are washed and dried, then proceed to a

group of Morris fully automatic, transfer-type balancing machines for milling the weight bosses to proper weight. It may be noted that Packard practice is to make all pistons to the same weight in the interest of interchangeability in field service.

Final operation is the finish-boring of piston pin holes to a total limit of 0.0004 in. in Ex-Cell-O singleend precision-boring machines.

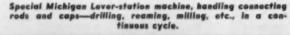
Pistons then are washed, dried, and tin-plated. Although gaging is done at all individual stations to assure the accuracy of work in process, the last operation on the smaller diameter pistons is the automatic inspection and grading in a special Pratt & Whitney gaging machine. It checks simultaneously—ring groove width, location of rings, parallelism of pin hole, and skirt taper. In addition, it checks the piston pin bore; and grades piston diameter in a range of nine sizes, varying in steps of 0.00025 in. Over- and under-sizes are automatically rejected.

After gaging and grading, the pistons are sorted into suitable bins and held for assembly with rods.

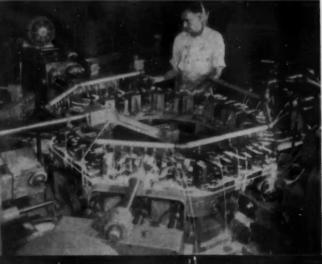
It is of interest that piston storage meet connecting rod assemblies at this point, making it a simple matter to match pistons and rods in accordance with the instructions from the cylinder block department. In effect, as the cylinder bores are graded at one end of the machine shop, the bore sizes for each specific block or engine are transmitted to this area and sets of corresponding pistons are assembled to the rods and delivered by conveyor to engine assembly.

At the present time Packard is producing two sizes of pistons, machining them along parallel lines of equipment. The larger—4 in.—pistons are inspected and graded with a Sheffield gage.

Large Footburt continuous surface broaching machine which is used for broaching the parting faces of connecting rods and caps.







## **Machining Pistons and Connecting Rods**

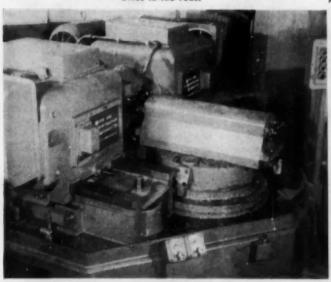
Connecting rods are produced to uniform weight, as in the case of pistons, to facilitate field service as well as to maintain engine balance. At Packard, they are handled in two stages—first, starting with the rough forging with cap integral, then completing a series of operations on the rod and cap assembly.

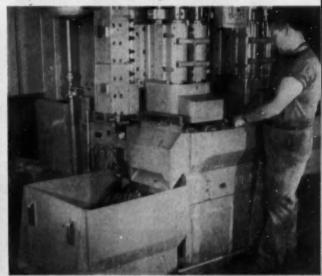
Starting with the rough forging, both faces are ground in Blanchard surface grinders; then the pin holes are bored in a big W. F. & John Barnes multiple-head drilling machine. A Detroit Broach, vertical surface broaching machine of twin ram design, does the broaching of the top and bottom faces and sides

Top left—One of a group of Motch & Merryweather automatic milling machines for milling connecting rod assemblies to exact weight.

Bottom left—Large, special W. F. & John Barnes multiple head machine with indexing table for drilling piston pin holes in the rods. Top right—First example of a vertical precision-boring machine made by New Britain. It has two, tour-spindle boring heads, bores both ends of four rods at a time.

Bottom right—Kreuger-Barnes special machine, of four-station type, with two spindles for each station. It finish-bores piston pin hole; semi-finish-bores big end, chamfers one side.















of bolt bosses; and cuts off the cap.

The rod and cap then go to a large Footburt continuous surface broaching machine, illustrated here, to finish the parting face of both parts.

A seven-station Michigan drilling machine handles the drilling and reaming, etc., of bolt holes in rods and caps.

Rods and caps now are brought together in pairs, the bolts pressed into place in the rod, then the fastenings completed with a torque wrench. Before proceeding with the final stages of machining, the rod and cap assemblies go to another Blanchard surface grinder for finish-grinding of both sides of the crank and pin bosses.

Piston pin bores are finish-bored to 1.0345-1.0355 in.; the crankpin bore is semi-finish-bored to 2.370-2.372 in.; and one side chamfered, in a single setting in a special four-station Kreuger-Barnes horizontal boring machine, illustrated here.

A five-station, Modern special machine is employed for pressing-in the bushing, burnishing to 0.9682-0.9692 in., chamfering both sides and drilling.

The assembly is presented to a group of Motch & Merryweather weight milling machines, designed to mill the weight bosses on both ends to produce a standard weight with proper distribution of weight at each end.

One of the distinctive pieces of equipment on this line is the special New Britain vertical precision boring machine for boring both ends of the rod. Possibly the first machine of this type installed in the Detroit area, it has two, four-spindle heads, bores both ends simultaneously in four rods.

Following some detail operations, the crankpin bore is finish-honed in a Micromatic Microsize honing machine fitted with two, two-spindle heads.

At the completion of the machining stages the rods reach the final inspection stage where they are checked 100 per cent in a special Pratt & Whitney gaging machine. Simultaneous checks are made of crank bore size, twist, parallelism of both ends, and pin hole grading. Then the rods are checked for weight on Toledo scales, sorted according to pin hole size, and placed in the storage bins, ready for assembly with pistons.

Top—Big ands of connecting rods are finish-honed in this Micromatic Microsize honing machine. As illustrated, it has two, two-spindle stations, hones two rods at a time. Each fixture holds four pairs of rods as shown.

Middle—Pratt & Whitney Air-O-Limit, electronic inspection machine on connecting rods. It makes simultaneous checks on crank bore size, twist and parallelism of both ends, and grades the pin bores.

Bottom—Sundstrand automatic stub lathes are set up for finish-turning of pistons. A distinctive teature of these machines is a unique form of automation, seen in operation here, for loading and unloading—taking work from the magazine and returning it to the outgoing conveyor chute.

## **ALL-PLASTIC** Construction

## **Economical for Truck Cab**

N recent months there has been a great deal of emphasis on the utilization of reinforced plastics for truck cabs, bodies, and miscellaneous cab and body parts. The polyester-glass combine is said to be particularly advantageous for the short-run production requirement which is usually a major factor in the specialty truck field. Plastics engineers have borne this out with various cost studies which show that economical production can be achieved with the laminated material when working in terms of under 15,000 production units.

A mid-west molder and fabricator, Regal Plastic Co., Kansas City, Mo., working in conjunction with a custom truck producer, General Body Mfg. Co., of Kansas City, developed an all-plastic cab. This joint effort was brought about because of a problem in manufacturing a streamlined truck cab from sheet metal. Tooling costs for dies would have been prohibitive for the number of units involved, so for some time the cab parts were made by drop hammer and hand shaping. When the parts were joined by welding, assembly required many hours of finishing time.

Thus, due to the configuration and its associated manufacturing problems for the limited production quantity, plastics are the basic structural material for the cab. The product is made in one piece with all of the reinforcements molded in.

Low pressure bag molding of the type so common to the reinforced plastics industry is utilized to produce the unit. In this particular instance, the actual cost of the complete polyester-glass part is very



All-plastic truck cab developed by Regal Plastics and General Body.

comparable to that involved in the original sheet stock assembly. However, an additional amount of streamlining has been incorporated in the design, and the

pigment is an integral part of the molding.

Because of the acceptance of the laminated plastic cab, Regal and General Body are currently working on all-reinforced plastic bodies for Chevrolet truck chassis. General Body now has door-to-door delivery trucks of three basic materials in production—steel, aluminum, and glass fiber polyester.



Complete track bodies are currently being made entirely of reinforced plastics by General Body. This particular unit, called the Han-D-Van, has a GVW of 5580 lb.

## **Continuous Plating of Bumpers**

A COMPLETELY modern and unique plating setup is currently being employed by Pontiac for passenger car bumpers on an extremely high output basis. Only one machine, a Udylite automatic selective cell unit, is utilized for the continuously automatic plating cycle.

The machine which is approximately 480 ft long and 62 ft wide overall, operates on a two minute cycle to plate 30 racks of 12 bumpers every hour. At the loading end of the plating unit, there is a rack storage area of 9300 sq ft. After the plain steel bumpers are hung on the racks, a Cleveland Tramrail hoist picks up the work carrier or rack and starts the dozen bumpers through the plating cycle.

For the initial operation, the Tramrail lowers the rack in the soak clean tank and then deposits the carrier on the transfer mechanism within the tank proper. This method of handling permits the parts to remain at rest in the

so-called nest of conforming anodes in the cells of the plating tank for the required plating time. Empty cells are selected in sequence to accommodate racks as they emerge from a preceding operation. Cathode contacts are elevated above the tanks to permit the work to be connected to the source of current before entering the solution. Speed of the machine is based on the control settings of the Vickers hydraulic drive units. Most of the tanks are Koroseal lined.

The series of operations, which also corresponds to the numbered stations shown on the accompanying drawing, are as follows:

1. Load and soak clean—three station tank, rack moves in down position through the 1st cell—2½ min.

2. Soak clean—two cell tank—21/2 min.



Looking toward the loading end of the automatic plating machine from the 18th station, the work carrier is shown immersed in the acid copper bath. Note the pre-contact slides in background.

3. Warm water power spray—one cell, empty tank, constant spray—1¼ min.

4. Power wash—three-cell empty tank, storage tank outside, 12 ft by 7 ft by 7 ft with six pumps, three in and three out, also one standby—334 min.

 Cathodic clean—three cells, using 10,000 amp at nine volts—334 min.

6. Cold water rinse—one cell continuous circulation

11/4 min.

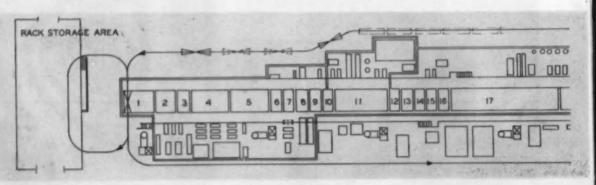
7. Drain and transfer—one cell space—3/4 min.

 Acid dip—one cell tank, continuous circulation using 20 gpm Durichlor pump—1¼ min.

9. Cold water rinse—one cell tank—11/4 min.

10. Cyanide dip-one cell tank-11/4 min.

11. Cyanide copper strike-four cell tank-5 min.



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12. Recovery rinse-one cell-11/4 min.

13. Cold water rinse—one cell, continuous circulation—11/4 min.

14. Cold water rinse—one cell, continuous circulation—1¼ min.

15. Acid dip—one cell tank, continuous circulation using 20 gpm Durichlor Pump—11/4 min.

16. Drain and transfer—one cell space—1/2 min.

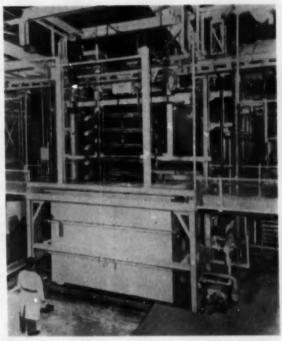
17. Acid copper—two eight cell tanks, 24,000 gal each and 50 ft long each—air agitation, continuous circulation through heat exchangers—using 60,000 amp at six volts—0-30 min. per tank.

18. Drain and transfer—one cell space—1/2 min.

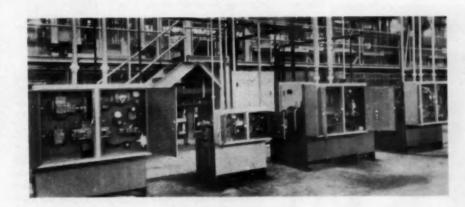
Recovery rinse one cell tank—continuous circulation—1¼ min.

20. Cold water rinse—one cell tank, continuous circulation—1¼ min.

21. Cold water rinse—one cell tank, continuous cir-(Turn to page 106, please)

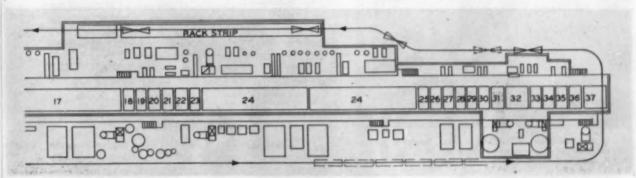


Loading end of the automatic machine with the Cleveland Tramrall in the up position prior to lowering bumpers in the soak clean tank.



Some of the Vickers hydraulic power drive units used in the Pontlac insteliation. Three control valves in each cabinet regulate speed of the machine.

Below is shown layout of the Udylife automatic plating machine recently installed by Pontiac for passenger car bumpers.



# SAE Holds First Golden

IRST of 11 SAE Golden Anniversary meetings scheduled for 1955, the Annual Meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers visualized the future while paying tribute to past progress. Detroit again was host last month to engineers and executives who gathered to hear 59 papers and panel discussions.

Incoming president C. G. A. Rosen was introduced at the annual banquet. He is consulting engineer to the president of Caterpillar Tractor Co. The first plaque honoring SAE Pioneer Members was presented to P. M. Heldt, Engineering Editor Emeritus of Automotive Industries. His editorial in the predecessor "Horseless Age" in 1902 called for the founding of such a society, and sparked the beginning of SAE. The "SAE Golden Anniversary March" was played for the first time by Macy O. Teeter, SAE member and composer.

Speaking on "The Next Fifty Years" was C. F. Kettering, director of General Motors Corp. In his

P. M. Heldt is showing the SAE Piencer Members plaque he received at the annual meeting banquet, to his soc, W. H. Heldt, industrial specialist with the Army Corps of Engineers

inimitable style he reviewed automotive progress of the past 50 years to explain "how perfectly silly it is to try to predict the future." He observed that the horsepower race really began about 1905. Concerning thermodynamics, he said the only thing he has learned was that combustion was too fast if it burned the metal, and that "the Second law is: You can't push on something that's going faster than you are."

Greater space was required to house the large number of exhibits this year. In addition to many automotive components of long standing, new developments and experimental devices of various kinds were displayed. It is possible to give only a sample of the range of new items shown. Leece-Neville displayed its new a-c electrical system for cars and trucks (see AUTO-MOTIVE INDUSTRIES, Nov. 1, 1953 and Jan. 1, 1955 issues). Kysor Heater Co. showed a prototype package air conditioner for mounting on the roof of a truck cab, featuring a self-contained power plant. Spicer Div. of Dana Corp. had its new Synchro-Verter transmission, a two-stage torque converter and fivespeed gearbox manually shifted, with finger-tip control of the clutch. The converter can be locked out giving in effect 10 speeds. American Bosch Div. of American Bosch Arma Corp. showed the new Diesel injection system which was the subject of a paper (see below). Continental Motors Corp. displayed its new 240-hp V-8 engine (see AI, Jan. 1, 1955). Taylor Dynamometer & Machine Co. featured its Hi-Eff hydraulic dynamometer line just introduced. Brush Electronics Co. had at its stand digital instruments for automatic counting, recording and control. Rosan Inc. featured self-tapping thread inserts. The prototype of an electronic engine analyzer was shown by the Allen B. Du Mont Laboratories. Forged aluminum wheels used on the Cadillac Eldorado were shown by Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. and Aluminum Co. of America. At a press conference, Purolator Products, Inc., introduced a line of dry-type air filters for gasoline and Diesel engines. Pierce Governor Co. introduced the series 300 engine governor, featuring three interchangeable weight mechanisms for various degrees of accuracy. Wayne Engineering Research Institute showed a development for machining irregular curves directly from a drawing.

A roundup summary of many of the papers presented at the meeting is followed by abstracts of selected papers.

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Long and short term forecasts for future aircraft emphasized the engine problem. Several sessions were devoted to jet fuels, powerplants, and design of trans-

## **Anniversary Meeting**

port and military aircraft. Dr. A. L. Klein, of the California Institute of Technology and Douglas Aircraft Co., looked 50 years ahead at commercial flying and saw average flying speeds of 1000 mph, widespread use of helicopter, simpler instruments and controls, and great strides in metallurgy. More specifically, R. P. Buschman of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. called for new criteria in selecting aircraft for certain missions. For commercial transport he proposed "profits of airline per year per dollar invested," and illustrated how direct operating cost alone is not the only basis for selection of a particular airplane. Pointing out that in 10 years about \$1 billion was spent in the U.S. on development of what proved to be unwanted aircraft, he detailed a system for planning for the best military airplanes. He presented a simple systems analysis to show that the criteria should be "least cost for a given effectiveness," or "more bang per buck."

An operator and two builders reviewed the air transport industry and specifically the coming jet



C. G. A. Rosen, newly elected president of SAE for 1955

transport. J. T. Dyment of Trans-Canada Airlines claimed that only experienced commercial builders will sell jet transports to the air lines. Engines will

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be turbo-props for medium and long distance routes by 1960, with the possibility of turbo-jets for long hauls if the air lines can agree on a particular design. He added the plea that builders reduce landing speeds and simplify the cockpit.

A modification of the present Air Transport Association formula for direct costs was shown by examples to give an advantage to the future jet transport. G. S. Schairer of Boeing Airplane Co. said that a 50 to 100 per cent increase in speed required such a review of the basic cost formula, and he examined many of the points to be considered.

Potential cargo volume in the 1960's could be nearly four billion ton miles per year instead of the current 1/3 billion, if the rate went down to nine cents per ton/mile from 30 cents at present. Cutting rates in half would multiply the volume ten times, according to Carlos Wood of Douglas Aircraft Co. He traced the developments here and abroad in engines and airframes suitable for various route lengths.

## ... COST REDUCTION ...

The Atlantic City Motor Truck Co.'s cost reduction committee met again. This group, under the name of a non-existent company, first met at the 1954 Summer meeting. Consensus was that variable costs are the key to savings in a small firm which buys major components for assembly. Goal was to double production after a bad sales year. Various aspects of manufacturing expense were explored. A make-or-buy program was instituted to look at the few high-dollar items out of some 5000 purchased parts. Automation and modernization in such a small plant should be based on overall departments, rather than on individual machines or production items. The panel pulled no punches in highlighting the conflicts between departments, causing many a wry smile. Led by C. L. Hecker of Oliver Corp., the panel included J. E. Adams, White Motor Co.; R. E. Cross, Cross Co.; L. E. Commings, Delco Products Div.; J. F. Jones, Hudson Motor Car Div.; M. F. Macauley, Steudebaker-Packard Corp.; T. H. Morrell, Oliver Corp.; H. A. Williams, Eaton Mfg. Co.; and F. J. Zielsdorf, Oliver Corp.

Advantages of automation, stated W. C. Newberg of Dodge Div. of Chrysler Corp., often are measured in terms other than direct savings in dollars. Examples in his paper included savings in floor space. greater safety, improved quality, and greater production rates, as well as more efficient use of manpower. In fact, he said, the overall effect of automation probably will be to increase total employment.

Similar experiences at Ford Motor Co, were related by G. G. Murie. He was frank to list some disadvantages of automation, and to consider how Ford overcomes them.

## ... ENGINES, FUELS AND OILS ...

A glimpse at a gas turbine regenerator for automotive use was given by A. H. Beaufrere of Ford Motor Co. The heat exchanger Ford is testing is the

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matrix type which rotates slowly between compressed intake air and exhaust. He said the sealing problem is not formidable, but declined to give details. The engine itself is the free turbine type, with the compressor turbine and the driving turbine not connected mechanically. Pressure ratio is four to one, he said.

Diesel engine performance demands will promote turbo-supercharging for both four and two-stroke engines, said C. G. A. Rosen. Efficiencies increase and fuel quality is less of a problem, he added. He reported on some ignition experiments, and said this was a field open to further exploitation.

Detailed descriptions of two new V-8 engines were given in papers by R. F. Saunders of Chevrolet Motor Div., and C. B. Leach and E. L. Windeler of Pontiac Motor Div. (See AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES, Nov. 1, 1954). Both papers illustrated a sharp reduction in the number of cores for casting the blocks and heads. There are no flanges projecting into the center area at the top of the blocks; green sand forms the entire surface. Only external core surface is the rear one. Pasting and nailing are virtually eliminated. Nine major and three minor block cores are used by Chevrolet: only eight for Pontiac. Chevrolet uses 131 lb of sand: 158 for Pontiac.

Turbine power for large tractors and earthmovers of 300 hp and over should be considered well, said C. E. Frudden of Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co. Reduced space requirements could make this type of powerplant attractive, he said. Lack of engine braking is not a handicap, he explained. On tractors in general, he called for an industry-wide program to standardize on attachment of implements.

Fuels and lubricants problems of current moment were outlined by several speakers. In a tribute to the cooperation which the automotive and petroleum industries have exhibited for so many years, T. A. Boyd of General Motors Corp. traced the progress to the SAE's activities and of the Coordinating Research Council for the past 40 years and more. He listed a number of areas where problems still need to be solved: combustion deposits; lubricating oils for lower octane requirements; gasoline storage; oil stability testing; wear; boundary lubrication; exhaust gas analysis; correlating molecular structure with physical properties; and mechanism of combustion.

Among the specific problems was vapor lock, discussed by D. P. Heath and R. H. Thena of Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. Mr. Heath called for more volatile fuels to save American motorists an estimated \$100 million annually. He said changes should be made in Government and ASTM gasoline specifications, to bring this about. More careful design of fuel systems will be required to overcome vapor lock tendencies with more volatile fuels, he said. The current Reid vapor pressure method of measuring vapor-locking tendencies is inadequate, he added.

Sludge suspension in detergent oils was investigated and reported by R. L. Willis and E. C. Ballard of Du Pont. Laboratory and road tests showed the new nitrogen-containing polymers to be effective at low temperatures; the reason was shown to be insensitivity of this type of detergent to water.

Knock tests based on composition of gasoline and oil were reported in a paper by C. L. Fleming, Jr., N. V. Hakala, L. E. Moody, R. W. Scott and C. O. Tongberg, all of Esso Laboratories. Increased volatility fuels and multi-viscosity lubricants reduce the octane requirements. Compression ratios of 9.5 or 10 to 1 would be feasible on 98-99 Research Octane fuels when fuel and oil have these features, they reported.

Abrasive wear tests on piston rings in engines, using controlled particle size, were reported by C. E. Watson, F. J. Hanly, and R. W. Burchell of the California Research Corp. They used a fast, accurate test method, in which the rings were irradiated and detection equipment was used to eliminate tearing down the engine.

# ... CARS AND TRUCKS ...

Discussing future passenger cars, several speakers agreed that there is no prospect for abrupt changes in current trends. Maurice Olley, Chevrolet Motor Div., saw no radically smaller cars. Increasing use of accessories such as power devices will counterbalance use of lighter materials, to maintain or possibly reduce slightly the average weight of 3250 lb held since 1935. Expressways will call for cruising gears, and will demand more attention to riding qualities. Mr. Olley questioned the floating ride, and listed boredom as one of the greatest hazards of future driving.

Three types of passenger cars may emerge shortly, said H. E. Chesbrough of Chrysler Corp. He listed the long-distance cruiser, the urbanite general purpose car, and the sports car. For expressway driving a six-passenger cruiser might reach 300 in. overall length. It could have a smaller engine, and feature electronically controlled steering and stopping on suitable highways. Seats would be moveable, and structural glass could allow a transparent roof with an electrostatic method of making it opaque. A four-passenger utility car for shopping would feature smaller size and good acceleration, he said. Sports car predicting he left to the audience.

Commenting on the mechanics of body designing, Mr. Cheebrough called for simpler procedures for getting from the wash drawing to the die model. He proposes a pantagraph-type device for transcribing a clay model to working drawings.

Agreement between engineer and stylist was reached on at least one session, at least in theory. Raymond Loewy took aim at nearly every sacred cow of 1955 automotive styling. If his shots hit home, at least they did so with wit and honesty. Earle MacPherson of Ford Motor Co. explained the kind of attitude that management must develop in creative people. He said some of today's executives allow business to override creativeness; tomorrow's managers who will be dealing with creative people should come from the creative ranks, and top management will have to train them in business disciplines.

Plastic truck bodies received concerted attention. Authors reported on actual experiences in building van delivery bodies, trailers and trailer liners, and tank trailers.

The conservative truck and bus makers will make no radical changes in the near future, according to C. A. Lindblom of International Harvester Co. Economics of mass production may set a limit to the size of components as well as vehicles such as off-highway trucks. In the first case, we may expect more dual powerplants, for instance, when higher power is needed. Major problems now concern transmissions and lubricants, he stated. Quite specifically he outlined concepts of three classes of trucks and buses. For general use, the ¼-ton pickup truck will gross 2500 lb, have 100 hp, and offer greater part-throttle economy. Styling will more closely approach the passenger car.

For city service, Mr. Lindblom spoke of small highrpm engines in standing-drive and COE low entrance trucks, some even eight-wheelers with two steering axles for congested area service. Transit buses will emerge as trains, perhaps with their own right-of-way.

Highway hauling on the 25,000 miles of expressways expected in the next 25 years will call for two and three-trailer rigs up to 125 ft long and 160,000 GWV. Off-highway vehicles have about reached their largest economical size, he added.

The opposite view on power plants was taken by Orville A. Brouer of Swift & Co. He predicted gas turbine-powered trucks in the not-too-distant future.

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# ... MATERIALS ...

A new high-temperature alloy for jet engines, GMR-235, is a nickel base alloy reported on by D. K. Hanink, F. J. Webbere and A. L. Boegehold of General Motors Research Laboratories. It was said to equal in performance many current alloys containing much higher percentages of strategic materials.

Methods of measuring residual stresses were reviewed in some detail in a paper by J. A. Halgren, T. C. Huang and E. I. Blount of International Harvester Co. Means to control several types of residual stresses were outlined by George Sachs of Syracuse University. He included an extensive bibliography on the subject. O. J. Horger of Timken Roller Bearing Co. discussed means of correlating residual stresses with performance of bearings. Fatigue tests of mild steel members of various kinds were reported by C. W. Gadd, J. O. Anderson and David Martin of General Motors Research. They assembled data on flexure and torsion of a 41/4 by 5-in. Diesel crankshaft, and concluded that normalized shafts proved almost as strong as the original heat treat; advantages of higher hardness 4140 steel over 5046 steel non-rolled were not evident, they reported.

# . . . MANUFACTURING . . .

Aluminum coating on exhaust and intake valves was reported to increase durability by at least 100 per

cent under certain conditions. A paper by R. F. Thomson and D. K. Hanink of GMC Research Laboratories, E. B. Etchells of Chevrolet and K. B. Valentine of Pontiac gave test data on the GMC Aldip process and described the hot dip method presently used at Pontiac.

Chevrolet also uses the process, they explained, and Thompson Products and Rich Mfg. Co. are licensed to develop and use it. Pre-coating parts with aluminum before dipping in hot flux promises economies in the future, they added.

Blades for jet engines received considerable attention. Differing processes for making blades, buckets and vanes used at Thompson Products, Inc., were explained by A. T. Colwell. These include forging, investment casting and powder metallurgy. He showed pictures of an automated broach, and polishing machines designed at Thompson to blend-in the edges and radii at tip and root, and longitudinally polish the blade. He also reviewed new materials for making blades (see abstract).

Softer compressor blades for J-47 engines were recently instituted by General Electric Co. The paper by E. M. Phillips and R. E. Weymouth detailed the advantages of increased damping capacity, resistance to stress corrosion cracking, improved impact strength, and easier heat treating and machining, using type 403 stainless of Rockwell C 26 to 20, instead of 42 to 32.

# A Diesel Injection System with New Features By S. E. Miller and T. D. Hess American Bosch Arma Corp.

Several years of development work have been required to achieve satisfactory solutions to all of the problems of a design to include economically: spill metering; automatic, manual, or fixed timing; flange, base or shank mounting; 100 per cent excess

fuel for starting; torque-control governing; and adaptability to eight-cylinder engines. The PDA pump is a new camshaft-speed pump incorporating all of the above features.

In the pump cross section shown in Fig. 1, some of the governor parts

and the supply pump have been deleted in order that the metering process may be more easily followed. The entire pump is filled with fuel, which is delivered from the final stage filter at a pressure of five to 10 psi and which serves to supply the engine's requirements as well as to lubricate all moving parts of the pump. A rotor shaft comprised of a metering section A, a pumping section B, and a distributing section C, rotates within a distributing head D. A control sleeve E, fitted to the metering section, controls the metering and injection timing of the pump. The plungers F, with their shoes and rollers G, all turning with the rotor shaft, are forced into reciprocating motion by a symmetrical internal cam H.

Fig. 1 shows the beginning of the filling stroke as the plungers start to move apart. The fill ports are open the entire time of the plunger filling stroke, which allows the use of very low supply pressures. As the plungers reach the end of the filling stroke, the fill ports close, and with further shaft

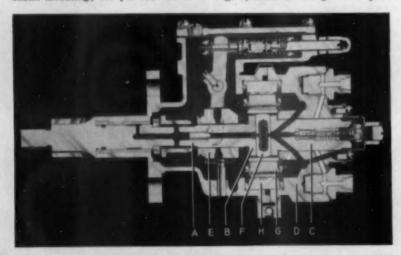


Fig. 1—Filling stroke of the PDA Dieset injector pump

rotation the plungers start moving toward each other to begin the injection stroke. At this point in the cycle a rotor metering slot is in registry with a sleeve port which permits the fuel to spill back into the sump during the initial plunger acceleration.

Because of the angularity of the shaft slots, the actual quantity of fuel injected will be reduced if the sleeve is moved upwardly, or increased if the sleeve is moved downwardly. Up and down movement of the sleeve. therefore, is used to control the injection quantity. In addition, if the sleeve is turned through an angle in either direction, an injection timing change occurs without change in metered quantity. It should be noted that filling of the pump is accomplished through a sump adjacent to the distributing portion of the shaft. while spill occurs in the governor portion of the housing at the metering section of the shaft. In this way a minimum disturbance of the filling function by the spilling of the fuel is

The governor used is of the simple ball and single-cone type as shown in Fig. 2. In this design the governor cone is carried directly on the metering sleeve, thus eliminating any connecting linkages between the governing element and the metering element.

The governor is driven from the pump drive shaft through splined members A, which in turn drives the ball cage through a shock absorbing member B, which isolates engine torsional vibration. Six balls C, driven by the ball cage, bear against the thrust bearing D and the cone E, forcing the cone and the integrally mounted metering sleeve to the right with speed increase. The fulcrum lever F cooperates with the sleeve by means of a pin G confined by a slot H in the metering sleeve. The outward end of the fulcrum lever carries the governor tension spring K which connects with the manual operating

The governor is shown in the idling position with the spring carrier bearing aganst the idle screw L, with the high speed stop screw adjustment M just to the right. The full load fuel adjustment screw N carries the resilient stop P used for torque control, and spring capsule R which provides automatic 100 per cent excess fuel delivery for starting when the manual operating shaft is in full speed position. This excess starting fuel control is set to operate only in the speed range of 0 to 500 rpm, and excess fuel

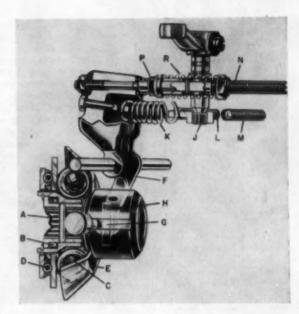


Fig. 2—Governor of the PDA Diesel injector pump

cannot be provided at higher speeds.

We have seen that an axial movement of the sleeve provides continuous metering of the fuel and that angular movement of the sleeve provides a continuous change in injection timing without affecting the metering function. The basic PDA pump has fixed injection timing accomplished by the installation of a fixed pin which prevents any angular movement of the metering sleeve. Replacement of the fixed pin with an adjustable pin allows external manual adjustment of the injection timing through a total range of five cam degrees.

Automatic timing also may be provided as shown in the figure by using engine intake manifold air speed sampled by a small venturi connected to a diaphragm operator which is linked to the injection timing lever and movable pin. Since the force necessary to rotate the metering sleeve slightly, to effect a change in injection timing, is only the friction force of the lapped sleeve on the rotating shaft, very small pressure differences are required to insure proper functioning. Entirely obviated is the need to vary timing by interposing in the pump's drive a mechanism powerful enough to oppose the working forces.

# Air and Heavy Vehicle Suspensions

By ROY W. BROWN
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Stantly increasing amount as load is added. Air springs will maintain a constant deflection irrespective of load variation when automatically inflated through a valve connected to the body and to the axle.

It has been shown that deflection of the suspension as loaded determines the mathematical relationship of displacement, velocity, acceleration and frequency at which the load will oscillate when deflected from its static position and released. Suspension stiffness may be evaluated in terms of frequency for any type suspension on a common basis for very large as well as very small loads. The air

spring stiffness does not increase appreciably with small loads, while the steel spring becomes very much stiffer, transmitting much more of the road shock with increased damage to the material being transported.

Air springs have been made for 25,000-lb loads and may be made much larger if desired. A small air valve mounted on the body and connected to the axle will keep the largest air spring inflated to its optimum mid-position. Thus, constant springing for heavy vehicle variable loads has been attained.

Some fifty experimental air spring suspensions have been installed and tested on industrial trailers, rail cars, motor coaches, passenger cars and heavy military vehicles. Such diversified application has developed performance characteristics, serviceability and design requirements far beyond the drawing and laboratory stage.

Compression, expansion and flow characteristics of air have been extensively worked out and are commonly available in the technical literature. Hence, discussion here may be confined to effects on the basic properties, volume, damping, inflation and effective area caused by deflection of the air containing device as applied to the vehicle suspension.

A flexible bellows of reinforced nylon tire cord construction, Fig. 1, contains air under pressure and thereby is capable of elastically supporting a load. The bellows is connected to a reservoir. Control valves to obtain "Shock Absorber" or anti-roll effect may be positioned between the reservoir and the bellows.

Performance of this simple system, Fig. 1, has been analyzed mathematically and substantiated experimentally. Briefly, for the theorist, pertinent values of load, deflection, effective area, volume, natural frequency, spring rate and reservoir size for the bellows shown are given in Fig. 2.

Inadequate damping (shock absorber effect) is the most limiting suspension factor on today's fast overthe-road heavy vehicles.

Air as a suspension medium makes it feasible to provide extensive damping by controlling the back and forth air flow from the air spring bellows to its reservoir. Damping tends to minimize continued oscillation of the body following the wheels passing over a road obstruction.

Fender clearance, attachment of drive, brake and steering actuating mechanism and maintaining wheel motion with fixed relation to the chassis place a definite limit on wheel travel. Experience has shown that eight in. wheel travel can accomplish the major suspension objective without interfering excessively with basic wheel positioning functions. The problem is how can the suspension design utilize available wheel travel most effectively?

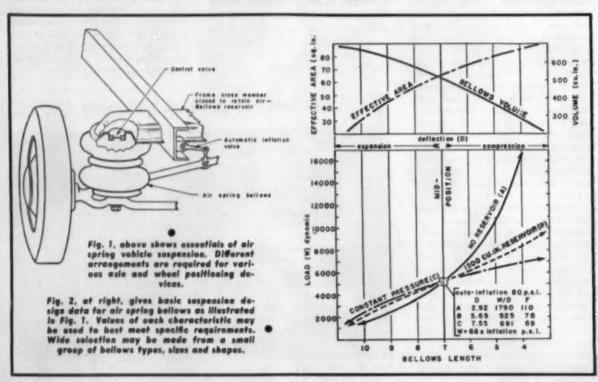
The optimum position for the wheel is mid travel at all loads. This can be accomplished with air by increasing the air pressure as the load is increased. A valve with dash pot and overtravel connected between the body and the wheel structure will admit and exhaust air with different loads, automatically keeping the wheel in mid position at all loads.

All suspensions must drive, brake and steer the vehicle in an acceptable manner before consideration can be given to improved elastic support of the load. Many axle positioning arrangements have been used, especially in Europe on passenger cars. It is feasible now to procure, for a few cents premium, rubber rod end bushings which will last the life of the vehicle. Such bushings solve the secondary vibration and the lubrication problems in a definite and desirable manner. Hence, the future may see the heavy vehicle follow the passenger car to better and still better wheel positioning mechanisms.

"Soft" springs which permit excessive bottoming cause very high accelerations when the axle strikes the frame or bumper. Hence, the successful use of soft springs requires provision for greater wheel travel. The air spring has a marked advantage here in that automatic inflation makes all wheel travel provided in the chassis design continuously available irrespective of load variations.

Location of springs on the vehicle is an important factor in suspension performance. The high and wide apart axiom results in improved body roll under severe cornering conditions. Thus, the suspension stiffening effect, cost, weight and complicated attachment of "sway bars" may be avoided.

Air spring bellows of one, two or three convolutions provide travels of 3.75, 7.50 and 11.25 in. Load capacity is limited only by ability to install the required diameter. Softness or



low rate can be provided beyond the structural limitations of metal springs. All these with light weight and low cost provide plus values meriting serious heavy vehicle suspension redesign.

# New Material Developments in Turbine Blades By A. T. COLWELL

Thompson Products, Inc.

# **Reinforced Plastic Blades**

TTO KEEP abreast of new materials and manufacturing techniques, Thompson Products have been studying plastic blades for the past eighteen months. Although the development is still on an experimental basis, the third stage of a compressor rotor was bladed with the fibrous glassreinforced blades. This development originated with the idea of finding a fast and cheap method of making prototype blades. A 100-hour run at rated engine speed was successfully completed on the rotor. Inspection of the blades after disassembly from the rotor showed that they were in excellent condition. There were no signs of erosion or impending failure, and this test indicates continuation of the development.

Fibrous glass-reinforced plastics are non-critical materials. Also, the plastic blade has a relatively high damping capacity which keeps the stress low and the blade less susceptible to fatigue failure. Lightness improves acceleration characteristics of the engine because of the resulting lower moment of inertia, and starting torque also is reduced.

The plastic material exhibits practically no creep, thereby minimizing chances of stress rupture. In spin pit tests at 110 per cent overspeed for 15 minutes there was no measurable creep on a 30-in. diameter installation (disk plus plastic blade). This compares with steel blades that grew 0.001 to 0.002 in. during the same type of test. The plastic material's strength-to-weight ratio is about three times that for a compressor blade steel. Relative to its mass, the plastic's impact strength is equal to that of compressor blade steel.

Disadvantages of the plastic blade are its non-isotropic strength properties. Also, the blade will be difficult to inspect adequately.

It is now possible to produce fibrous glass - reinforced plastic materials with the ability to withstand 500 F. The blades in the 100-hour test ran at about 300 F; however, in the foreseeable future, phenolic-impregnated fibrous glass plastics may be able to

withstand approximately 700 F for about 10 hours in a compressor blade application. This would indicate favorable progress in increasing the temperature limitation of the material.

The molding job for the compressor blade is more difficult than the usual procedure for forming reinforced plastics. Closer control is required in die design, of pressures, temperatures and pre-layup phases. Experimental results to date have been excellent—dimensional uniformity and fine surface finishes are obtained. The molding process begins with the dry layup, which approximates the shape of the blade. The laminations, cut from phenolic-impregnated fibrous glass cloth, are held together mechanically.

The layup is placed in a male-and-female heated die arrangement in which it is subjected to a pressure forming cycle. When the molded part is removed it is about 90 per cent complete. At this point, the blade is to size and shape. Dimensional control is excellent. A post curing operation is then required for the resin in the blade to impart the necessary strength properties.

# Cermets

Sustained effort is being put into the development of cermets for buckets and nozzle vanes. At present the product appears to have properties for developing a bucket that will operate in the 2000 F range, and it will be thoroughly evaluated in the jet engine test stand now being built, along with other engine materials. Nozzle guide vanes have completed a 100-hour engine test with encouraging results—vanes are more easily made than buckets.

## **Titanium**

Electrolytic and thermal processes are being tried to replace the Kroll process, which is the only process at present for producing sponge. Titanium must be alloyed for successful use, and some of the alloys have been more troublesome than others.

It has been found that titanium generally requires approximately 30 per cent greater delivered force to effect the same flow pattern as compared with steel. This necessitates careful selection of die block size and hardness. Even so, die life is considerably lower. Die sinking is more critical in that the finish is a controlling factor.

Generally speaking, lower temperatures are employed for forging titanium than are usually employed for the stainless steels. Temperature range is also more closely controlled in order to minimize grain coarsening and the formation of a hard, brittle oxide layer which is known to impart brittleness to titanium. Since no economical atmospheres have been introduced to the industry as yet, we employ air atmospheres, using electric furnace heating exclusively.

Thompson employs lubricants which were developed by our research facilities, and we have since made arrangements to secure these mixtures from commercial companies. The best lubes developed to date are still not completely satisfactory, and research is still in progress to secure better type lubricants for the various forging operations.

We use centerless ground bar stock to insure satisfactory surface quality. To further insure quality, we employ a stress relieve operation on slugs, to prevent thermal stress cracking at the cut surfaces prior to any forging operations. The slugs are prepared for the flattening operations by the extrusion process, or gather upset.

With our present forging techniques, we have found little differences in processing the various grades of titanium alloys. However, with some of the more recent alloys, such as Ti 140A and the MST 5A1 4V, we have discovered that a greater latitude of forging temperatures is permissible without encountering grain coarsening and formations of hard, brittle oxide layers.

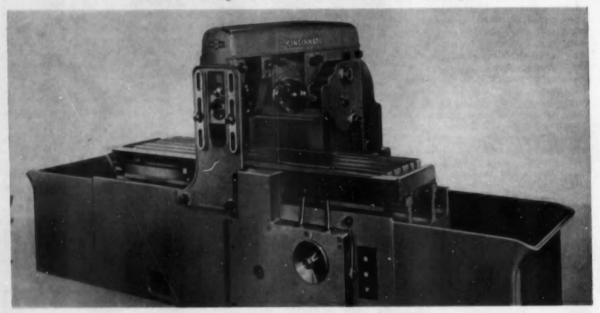
# **Machining Techniques**

The greatest amount of research has been expended in the field of broaching. We have found that much greater rigidity in fixturing is required plus the use of slower broaching speeds. The average speed for broaching of titanium is 10-12 fpm, while the speed for broaching the 403 stainless steel is 28-30 fpm. Broach insert materials and coolants are important details in this work.

Final trimming operations on the airfoil edges must be done at comparatively low temperatures to prevent edge cracking.

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# Heavier Milling Machine Line for Carbide Tooling



One of the HyPowermatic heavy duty bed type milling machines

HYPOWERMATIC is the new name given to the latest line of heavy duty bed-type milling machines. The machines are equipped with automatic two-way table feed cycles and infinitely variable feed rates, and are designed for continuous operation on medium to larger size parts. Much heavier and more powerful than the superseded models, these machines offer cutting capacity up to 50 hp and spindle speeds up to 2000 rpm. They will handle conventional milling or climb milling cuts with either high speed steel or sintered carbide milling cutters.

Standard machines, designated the 300, 400 and 500 series, are built in plain and duplex styles in forty-two sizes of each, from No. 307-183 (36 in. table travel, 7½ hp) to No. 550-2614 (168 in. table travel, up to 50 hm)

The HyPowermatics feature intermittent, dog controlled automatic table cycles. Feed rates may be in-

finitely varied throughout their range of ¼ to 100 or 150 ipm, by means of a feed rate selector dial. The table is driven by a new type of unit named Hydramech. This unit, enclosed within the bed, consists of a hydraulic motor with an infinitely variable arrangement, driving a worm and lual worm wheel which in turn drives twin vertical pinions engaging the table rack. Anti-friction bearings throughout, automatic pressure lubrication system, and a built-in backlash eliminating divice are other features.

Quick positive starting and stopping of spindle rotation is obtained through two hydraulically operated multiple disk clutches. Both are actuated from the spindle start-stop lever at the operator's station. Also included in the control group are the four-position directional control lever to provide engagement of the table feed and rapid traverse (right and left), the table stop, and automatic spindle stop levers.

Sixteen spindle speeds can be obtained through change gears and a back gear combination. A choice of nine ranges of spindle speeds are available. The highest group ranges from 50 to 2000 rpm for 300 Series spindle carriers, 30 to 1200 rpm for 400 Series spindle carriers and 20 to 800 rpm for 500 Series spindle carriers.

Plain HyPowermatics are equipped with the rectangular Dynapoise over-

Lubrication of the principal units is completely automatic and interlocked. Coolant equipment incorporates a three-way switch, offering the operator a selection of continuous flow or automatically on and off with the starting and stopping of the spindle rotation. Chip wipers underneath the table push accumulated chips to the large chip compartments at each end of the bed. The Cincinnati Milling Machine Co.

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# **Wet Dust Collector**

A wet-type dust and fume collector is being produced in a selection of models for a variety of industrywide applications. It consists of a cylindrical drum with a series of cones and baffles. Water, supplied by a direct driven pump, cascades down-



Van-Truer dust collector

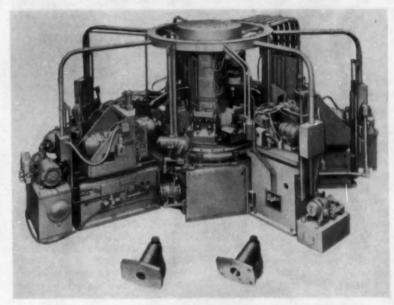
ward within the collector. This action produces a series of closely related water curtains through which the dust-laden air is filtered in its upward travel. A double row of moisture eliminators, fabricated in convenient handling size, are mounted above the washing chamber. Access doors are provided in the housing for inspection of eliminators and wash chamber.

Dust and fume laden air are in continuous fluid contact during the upward flow. It is claimed that the baffle design sets up a cyclonic washing action and turbulence, separating the wet dust and carrying it to the sludge tank below. Saturated air continues up through two-stage moisture eliminator and emerges completely dry. The flat bottom serves as a settling tank from which the water is recirculated. A chute type of cleanout is provided for easy hand cleanout.

It is stated that this dust collector is also made with a flight conveyor for ejecting sludge into a container. Various models are engineered for truss-suspension, floor-setting, or erection on roofs. Van-Truer Company, Inc.

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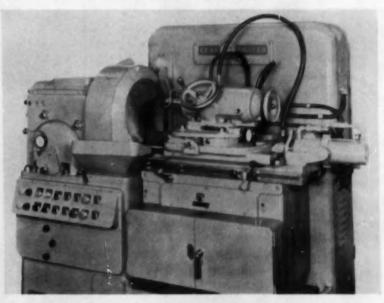
# **Brake Cylinders Machined Rapidly**



A special machine mills, core drills, drills, reams, chamfers and taps 288 master-brake cylinder rough castings per hour gross. It is a 10-way seven-station 72-in,-center-column hydraulic-feed machine equipped with a 72-in,-diameter automatic power-driven index table, complete with shot bolt and table hold-down clamps at rough and finish milling stations. Parts, loaded two per fixture, are automatically clamped and unclamped by a power wrench with torque control. (Buhr Machine Tool Co.)

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# **Shaver Controls Speed Loading**



Air cylinder control on an improved model GCR Red Ring internal gear shaver machine provides fast advance and retract at the cutter head. A handwheel at the front of the cutter head allows the operator to advance the cutter with one hand while simultaneously orienting the cutter with the other hand into mesh with the work gear. This design replaces a former manual toggle-type control. (National Broach & Machine Co.)

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S TREAMLINED appearance sets off the mechanical improvements in a newly designed series of large stamping presses.

Two features around which the presses were designed are: conforming to Joint Industry Conference specifications; and cleanliness of layout with packaged controls. The presses follow JIC bolster, bed, die and slide area specifications and conform to blankholder and plunger dimensions. In this way, the maker points out, dies can be readily changed between presses and even between plants.

In addition, the presses are designed to be more easily equipped with loading machinery. The builder

assumes the responsibility for wiring, piping power and air line take offs and controls. These are all built into the frame.

The line includes six presses centered on single and multi-action designs for forming and drawing large stampings. The design effort was described as a cooperative one between the builder and the automotive and appliance industries.

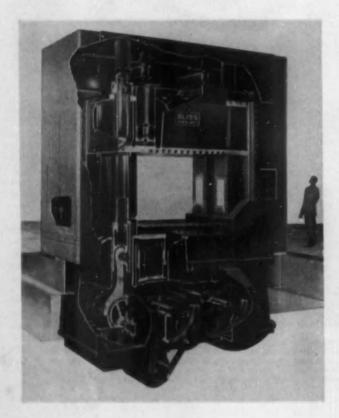
There are six new lines; three are single action, two are double action and one is triple action. Each line features heavier frames, automatic recirculating oil systems, manual and motorized plunger and blankholder adjustments, choice of air or electric clutches and front-to-back shafts.

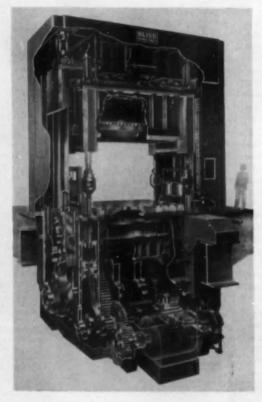
# **Presses Designed**

The SU-4, four point single action press is one of two underdrive models. Featuring low overall height for maximum clearance, these presses also put maintenance on the lower level out of the way of production. The SU-4 counterbalances are in the slide. Side thrust is said to be at a minimum through the extra long gibs and connections. The TU-4 is a triple action four point version. In it the drive is direct through a motor with interlocked air brake. Crankshafts drive both plunger and blankholder through a single toggle mechanism, for greater dwell. Other features include motorized holder adjustments, pre-stressed pull-down rods, and speeds up to 10 strokes per minute.

The fully enclosed S-4, four point single action press was designed for work with deep front-to-back dimensions. It features four main gears with eccentric gears on one side of each main gear. The 2000 ton model is shown.

A full eccentric single action press,





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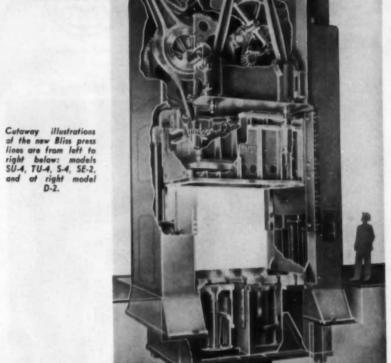
# With Automation in Mind

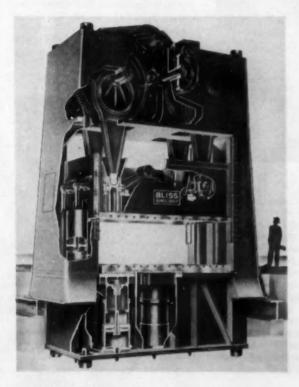
the SE-2, in the 250 ton size shown operates at up to 25 strokes per minute. It is double geared and is of four piece tie rod construction. These presses are available in sizes up to 2000 tons.

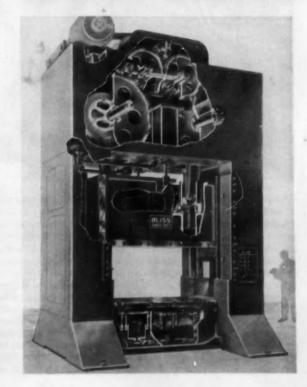
A double action eccentric two point press, the D-2, has air counterbalance cylinders built into the uprights to reduce crown height. Four piece shrunk tie rod construction is designed for ruggedness and accurate alignment. The deeper crowns include the bottom of the main gears. This feature is said to add to the crown strength and simplify lubrication. Blankholder screw slides are mounted in the crown for increased rigidity. The double gears operate full eccentric and are symmetrically located. A pneumatic friction clutch operates the press at 10 strokes per minute.

Not shown is the D-4 four point double action press with similar features. The complete line of presses was designed with the cooperation of the automotive and appliance industries, according to the maker, E. W. Bliss Co.

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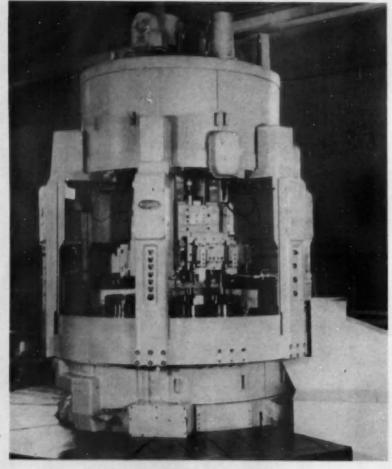


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# Mult-Au-Matic Line Completely Redesigned



The 10-in., six-spindle model L Mult-Au-Matic

TYPE L Mult-Au-Matic is the latest version of the multi-spindle vertical chucking machine, of which there have been several successive models since its original concept in 1914. It is the third in the firm's line of newly designed machine tools announced in recent weeks.

Two outstanding features are the push-button control system, which facilitates head setting and tool adjustment with a minimum of effort, and a completely new screw type of feed mechanism. The screw feed has a total available stroke of 16 in., and

offers more constant advance of the cutting tools to the work than previously available. Also, since only the required portion of the total stroke need be used, considerable time-saving in the automatic cycle is accomplished.

An improved type of mechanism permits faster spindle carrier index. Index registry and a new type of spindle bearing mounting result is accuracies to a degree never before attainable in this type of machine.

Selective feeds and speeds at each work station are made through the

use of a new type of gear synchronizer. For example, in the 10 in. machine, spindles may be geared to run up to 1000 rpm as the spindles on the carrier are indexed.

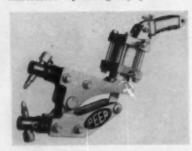
The machines are of heavier construction, permitting input of up to 150 hp. A full line of accessories is available, such as multi-purpose heads, drill heads, tapping heads and precision boring heads. Also, automatic loading devices, automatic gaging equipment and chip conveyors are included as extra items.

The complete line of type L machines is available in 10-in. size built with 6, 8, 12 or 16 spindles; 14 and 18-in, sizes will be built with six or eight spindles. They offer 49 spindle speeds in two ranges: 55-500 and 110-1000 rpm for 10-in, and 14-in. models, and 33-300 and 55-500 rpm in the 18-in. models. There are 73 feed rates per revolution of spindle speed. Ten-in. machines have two spindles per station. All machines have double index. Heads include plain vertical, universal, and double purpose, with 41/2-in. maximum cross travel. Single or multiple spindle drill heads are available. The Bullard Co.

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# Portable Welder

IGHT-WEIGHT, heavy-duty portable gun welders are engineered to speed production on large sheet metal and wire assemblies. Gun welder units are available in 30 to 100 kva capacities for either air or air-hydraulic operation on 220, 440 or 550-v power supplies. Six basic gun types are available for special applications. Associated operating equipment in-



Scissor type partable gun welder

cludes: water-cooled flexible cables, overhead suspended transformer with balancing arm, timing and contactor controls. Optional features include: ball bearing suspension, extra long or retractable stroke, spring balance for maximum vertical movements, special jaws and electrodes. Peer Incorporated.

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# Novel Variable Speed Drive Is Ball Type

JUST announced as the newest addition to a line of power transmission equipment, the Speed Variator is now available in nine sizes, ranging from one-half to 10 hp at 1750 input rpm. The new variable speed reducer has several unique features, including the following:

Power is transmitted from the input shaft to the output shaft through alloy steel driving balls which are in pressure contact with disks attached to the two shafts. Relative speeds of the two shafts are adjusted steplessly through a 9:1 range (from 1/3 to three times the input speed) by changing the angular positioning of the axles on which the balls rotate. Coaxial input and output shafts rotate in the same direction, either clockwise or counter-clockwise. Speed is regulated by a simple manual adjustment, with indicator, or by manual or power operated remote control devices. Cleveland Worm and Gear Co.

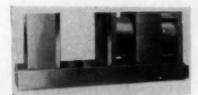
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# Checks Ball Waviness

THE Ball Wavometer is an inspection instrument for measuring the waviness of balls from 1/16 to 11/4 in. in diameter. It shows the rms average height of the irregularities in surface contour that occur from three to 100 times around a major circumference of the ball. The readings are shown by a meter for each of two wave-bands, in microinches. A range selector switch for each wave-band provides full-scale readings of 1, 3, 10, 30, 100 and 300 microinches. An oscilloscope is furnished if desired, to show the general shape, spacing, and approximate number of waves in either wave-band. Micrometrical Development Corp.

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# Air Vise



Vi-Speed Autovise model 663 features six by six in. jaws, backed with a 4½ in. diameter push rod. Removable jaws open to eight in. on standard units. Spring return air cylinders have 19:1 ratio on any line pressure to 150 psi, with three-in. air stroke. (Yan Products Co.)

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The Cleveland balldrive Speed Variator was re-engineered from a Swiss invention, to fit American practices.



# **Brake In Motor Housing**

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PHASE

A multi-power, twophase brake winding is super-imposed on the standard stator winding. One phase of the brake winding is connected to a single phase line during the braking operation. Second phase is permanently short-circuited.

UNIBRAKE a-c dynamic brake motors now are available up to 30 hp and larger sizes are being developed. With no moving parts, this feature is built into standard frame single or polyphase induction motors.

The braking action is a two stage process. Single phase current is superimposed on the excitation phase of the multi polar brake winding producing dynamic braking torque down to it's synchronous speed. Then the rotor feeds power into the short-circuited phase of the brake winding continuing the braking action down

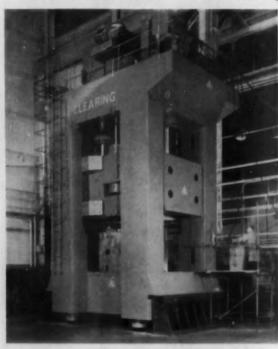
to zero speed. The braking is smooth and continuous providing a rolling stop. Since the brake winding is taken out of the circuit at zero speed there is no holding powtr. Unibrake dynamic braking can be built into all of the firm's regular line of standard motors, right angle and parallel gearmotors and mechanical variable speed drives. There are no limitations as to mountings, enclosures, electrical characteristics, speeds or special mechanical modifications. Master Electric Co.

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# Press to Trim Aluminum Forgings



This 2000-ton press was designed to trim aluminum forgings. It provides continuous pressure over an unusually long stroke. For forgings varying greatly in size, it permits quick adjustment of the strake length. Housing type machine is of pre-loaded tie - rod frame construction, for off - center loading. Break-through shock is controlled by the slide pressing pressing against a cushion cylinder, which reduces the pressure setting by exhausting its volume through a fixed orifice. When the slide breaks through the work, the hydraulic system is decompressed gradually. (Clearing Machine Corp., Div. of U.S. Industries, Inc.)

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# **Hand Pushbutton**

DESIGNATED as the 1PH1, an aluminum-covered switch is designed to



The M-H hand pushbutton for presses and similar equipment.

fit into conventional FS and FD electrical boxes. It is 2¼ in. in diameter, providing a large target for easy manual operation and features a snap-acting spring which gives users a good "feel" of the pushbutton action.

A neoprene gasket between the base of the switch and the mounting surface and a seal boot between the button and plunger mechanism seal the switching unit from oil and other foreign matter. Flutes and holes in the cover plate are provided for the escape of any chips, dirt or oil which may travel inward with the plunger.

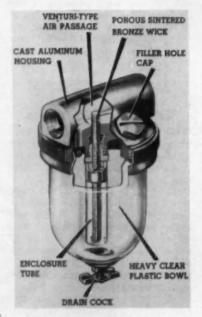
The switching unit has two doublebreak circuits—one normally-open and one normally-closed. A snap-action spring causes one set of contacts to break before the other set makes contact.

Pilot duty rating of the switch is six amp normal and 60 amp inrush at 125 v ac; three amp normal and 30 inrush at 250 v ac; 1.5 amp normal and 15 inrush at 480 v ac; and 1.2 amp normal and 12 amp inrush at 600 v ac. Micro Switch, Div. of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.

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# Air Line Lubricator

R EDESIGNED air line lubricators employ a porous sintered bronze wick with a new clear plastic enclosure tube to provide two oil feed ranges—a high range using the enclosure tube and a low range with the enclosure tube removed. Three rings



Keller improved lubricator

on the wick provide a visual indication of the adjustable wick height in the air stream.

Two orifice inserts reduce the rated air capacity for low airflow applications, such as for lubricating pulse-type air cylinders or bearings. The insert with the larger hole provides a normal feed of oil when air is flowing at 75 to 80 per cent of air capacity with no orifice insert. The smaller hole insert provides oil feed at 35 to 40 per cent of normál air flow.

Lubricating oils from light spindle oil through SAE No. 10 may be used, including rust and oxidation inhibited oils in this range. Keller Tool Co.

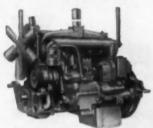
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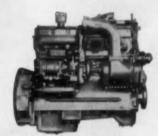
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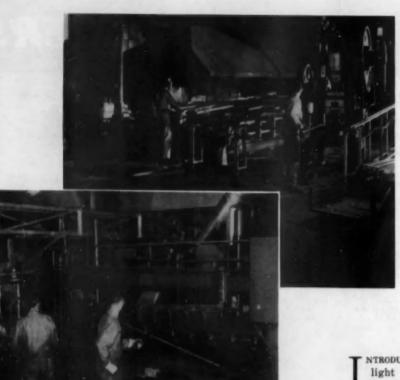
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# Making TORSION BARS for New Passenger Car Suspension



# By Joseph Geschelin

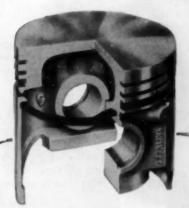
Perspective of the three initial operations on torsion bars. The bar end heating furnace is arranged in the background, feeding heated bars to the operator at the left. Here the end is upset to hax form in a Hill-Acme upsetter. The bar then is transformed by a chain conveyer to the operator at the right for restrike of the upset end.

immediately following upsetting of hex ends, the bars go through the furnace at left, (in the second illustration), then move by automation—not installed at the time this photograph was taken—into the special Gogan die quenching machine in the foreground.

Introduction of 1955 cars threw the spotlight dramatically on the pioneer installation of a unique torsion bar suspension system on several models of well-known makes. It marks the first radical change in suspension systems since the adoption of knee-action front suspension early in the '30's.

It will be of interest to our readers to learn that the system of four torsion bars-two suspension bars, two compensator bars-is being manufactured on an economical mass production basis by Maremont Automotive Products, Inc., in its specialized plant in Cicero, Ill. This plant was described some time ago (see AI, May 15, 1953) when it was in operation exclusively as a facility for producing torsion bars for military vehicles. The writer noted at the time that the know-how and specialized facilities initiated then should provide a valuable contribution to the automobile industry, if and when motor cars would employ a torsion bar suspension. (Turn to page 98, please)

This is the specially designed Maremont twisting machine for presetting the long, slender bars. After being twisted, the bars are leaded on the bar conveyor leading to the paint dip and drying even in the background.



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# By Paul Kennedy

# DATA PROCESSING, CROSS-COUNTRY

For the first time a manufacturer doing voluminous calculations is raising the speed of data transmission to that of the fast data reduction systems now available. General Electric has joined electronically four scattered engineering and computing centers.

Linked in the communications system are GE plants in Evendale, Ohio, where the computing center of the Aircraft Gas-Turbine Div. is using the huge Model 701 data processing machine built by International Business Machines Corp. on three shifts daily; the Medium Steam Turbine, Generator and Gear Dept. at Lynn, Mass., the Large Steam Turbine-Generator Dept. at Schenectady, N. Y.; and fourth point in the hookup is IBM's Technical Computing Bureau in New York where GE will rent a second 701 for an eighthour shift daily. The link in this system duplicates sets of punched cards at these points by means of telephone, telegraph, or radio circuits. The Transceiver hookup will handle up to 11 fully punched cards per minute. It augments a network of telegraphic equipment which GE has been using to deliver its problems and answers from turbine departments to the computing facility.

# C-W INTO ULTRASONICS

Curtiss-Wright Corp., Wood-Ridge, N. J., says the applications of ultrasonics to a variety of industries is so promising that it has entered the equipment field. It will build and service a broad line of ultrasonic generators under license from Dr. Lehfeldt & Co. of Germany. A so-called Diatron drill is designed to cut holes of any shape without rotating movement. The drill employs an abrasive suspended in a liquid and distributed over the cutting soundhead in a thin film. Frequency is 25,000 cycles per second. A partswashing device for delicate parts is being offered, as well as a laboratory unit for working out new techniques with various soundheads on different products, an internal flaw detector for quality control of sheet stock or fabricated parts, and a similar device for parts which can be tested only from one side.

# **CONTROLS ROAD SHOW**

You may have seen the traveling display of voltage control equipment put on the road by Superior Electric Co., Bristol, Conn. The trailer-load of transformers, regulators, power supplies and other items is a permanent part of the firm's service to users, manufacturers and distributors.

# SPERRY PRODUCTS EXPANSION

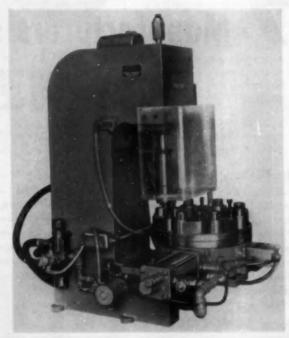
An electric motor load measuring device called Protectron will be put into production by Sperry Products, Inc., of Danbury, Conn. The device formerly made by Brinnel Co. warns machine operators whenever the mechanical load and hence the electrical load exceeds a safe limit.

## CONSOLIDATED-PHILLIPS AGREEMENT

Consolidated Engineering Corp. president Philip S. Fogg announced an agreement with Phillips Petroleum Co. to manufacture and market nationally the latter firm's continuous plant analysis and control instruments. The Pasadena, Calif., firm will handle infra red gas analyzers, differential refractometers, ultraviolet analyzers, and oxygen analyzers.

## **ELECTRODATA'S NEW OFFICE**

ElectroData Corp., computer affiliate of Consolidated Engineering Corp., has opened an eastern regional sales and service office in the Chrysler Bldg., New York City. Lloyd W. Cali has been named acting manager of the office.



Combining a standard press and eight-station index table, Saginaw Steering Gear Div. assembles steering knuckles at 1800 per hour. This setup provided a 50 per cent increase in production. Operator loads the parts in tront of transparent guard, and assembled parts are unloaded automatically into a chute. Equipment by Air-Hydraulics, Inc., can be adjusted for slight variations in stock thickness.



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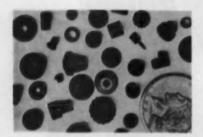


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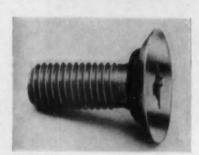


# **Rubber Parts Meet Close Tolerances**

Custom molded rubber parts having complex structure as shown can be produced in miniature with dimensional tolerances as close as ±0.001 in. by means of injection molding. Other shapes and designs can be made to customer specifications. Properties of the injection molding process permit greater quality control on these

miniature rubber parts by eliminating the flash found in compression
molding and such secondary operations as hand or machine trimming.
Compounds of Neoprene, Buna N and
Silicone synthetic rubbers can be
injection molded for these applications. Minnesota Rubber & Gasket Co.

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# Flush Bolt Features Sealant

A one-unit, sealing flush bolt called Bolt-O-Seal features the controlled confinement of a rubber sealing gland. It is based on the same principle employed in the company's Lock-O-Seal and other fastener sealing devices. There is said to be no loss of sealing due to cold flow. Memory factor of the rubber is always retained, as it is not deformed beyond its elastic lim-

its. Metal to metal contact assures maximum strength.

Standard sizes and styles seal gases or liquids up to a maximum of 50 psi. For higher pressures specially ground bolts are furnished. The bolts are also available in titanium, and with many special rubber compounds. Franklin C. Wolfe Co.

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# **Carburetor Tilts**

Operation in vertical, horizontal or any tilt positions without a swiveling mechanism is possible with models H and HP diaphragm carburetors. Designed specifically for power chain saw use, this dry type carburetor has a pressure sensing diaphragm admitting fuel directly to the engine. No fuel is admitted to the carburetor until the engine aspirates. The Tillotson Manufacturing Co.

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# **Transit Fabric**

A vinyl plastic coated upholstery fabric engineered for heavy-duty transportation seating, Fabrilite Transit Special combines flexibility over a wide temperature range with high abrasion resistance. The heavy coating of vinyl on a rugged sateen base is formulated with a non-migratory plasticizer and features a dry finish that minimizes soiling. Dus Pont Co.

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# Stainless Coupling

This precision bellows coupling will join misaligned shafts of the same or different diameters. The stainless steel unit is for low torque requirements. Standard shaft sizes are \( \frac{4}{5}, \) 3/16 and \( \frac{4}{5} \) in. Either set screws or fixed pinning may be used. PIC Design Corp.

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## **Hose Adapters**

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Condensed catalog GT-285 reflects latest price changes and specifications on all standard cemented carbide tools and blanks. Carbolog Dept., General Electric Co.

Wire Containers 12

Technical details on welded steel wire mesh containers, including case history examples of cost reduction accomplished in a wide variety of industries, are pictured in a 24-page brochure. Also included is the application of welded wire pallets and industrial bulkheads. Pittsburgh Steel Products Co.

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Resistance Welding 16

Bulletin 333 is a general machine catalog for electric resistance welding. Three application stories involving mild steel, stainless steel and aluminum are described. Pictures show the firm's facilities. The book explains single phase, three-phase and three-phase Modu-Wave cycles. Welders including spot, rocker arm, seam, roll-spot, specials, flash-butt, portables and accessories are pictured. Sciaky Bros., Inc.

Flanged P-M Motor 17

Details of the type PM-36 permanent-magnet motor are given in leaflet PM36-954. It is a 20-watt 6000-rpm unit recommended for applications where high efficiency, good speed regulation, and low r-f interference are required. Dalmotor Co.

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**Horizontal Machines** 19

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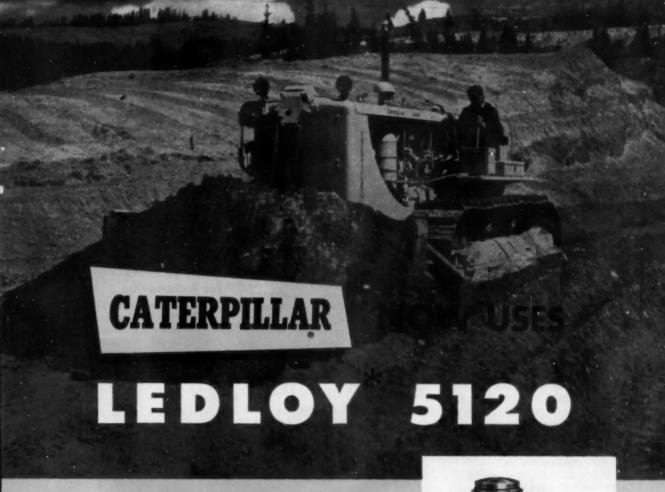
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siphon or gravity flow pipe to a reservoir containing piston unit. The piston unit is thus automatically and continually supplied with metal because of the contant level in the reservoir. Holding pots from which metal is supplied to the hot chamber machines are located and serviced in a central melt room rather than immediately adjacent to the machines. It is expected that much of the production from the hot chamber machines will go into the automotive industries.

# Delpark Puts Cooling Savings in Dollars

In a recently released brochure, Delpark gave the case history of the savings obtained at Continental Motors by the use of Delpark filters. It broke down the savings into five categories based on the servicing of 165 machines in the Continental plant. The savings effected are as follows:

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# **HPM Goes King Size**

Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Co. has installed a 7000 ton press, said to be one of the world's largest, at the Douglas Aircraft Long Beach, California, Div. The press, which weighs well over a million pounds, will be used to form sheet metal parts by the Guerin process and by the Hidraw process. For the latter, pressures up to 10,000 psi will be utilized.

# Machine Its Own Plant

The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., St. Paul, has come up with an automatic machine which is approximately three city blocks long and is in effect its own plant. Claimed to be the world's largest sandpaper maker, the 976-ft-long unit is actually a single manufacturing unit with a shell built around it. Electronic.

nucleonic, mechanical and air equipment in the machine control speeds, curing temperatures, bond viscosities and other variable factors. Radiation in the form of beta rays is used to measure uniformity of coating thickness and weights. A battery of recorders keeps a continuing check on the manufacturing process.

# New Bullard Foundry for '55

According to E. C. Bullard, president, the Bullard Co., Bridgeport, Conn., the contract has been awarded for the construction of a new foundry. Cost of the building and equipment will run in the neighborhood of \$6 million. It will have the latest developments in dust and smoke control and materials handling equipment and, according to Bullard's president, will be the most modern gray iron foundry in New England. It will contain approximately 150,000 sq ft and will be completed by the end of 1955.

# Cone Drive Gears for Giant Electric Furnace

Two Heroult furnaces, of 200 ton capacity, said to be the world's largest, are going into service at the Trenton, Mich., plant of McLouth Steel Corp. Each unit, built by the American Bridge Div. of U. S. Steel Corp., utilizes seven speed reducers, made by Cone-Drive Gears Div., Michigan Tool Co. One of these drives, a double - reduction, double - enveloping speed reducer with center distances of 10 and 21.837 in., is used to tilt the furnace and heat, which has a combined weight of 700 tons.

From Michigan Tool Co. we also learn that a complete gear production development laboratory has been established at the main plant. The purpose of the laboratory is to assist gear makers in producing smoother and quieter gears at lowest possible cost.

# Package Press for Automation

Two and four point presses built by E. W. Bliss Co., Canton, Ohio, have been designed particularly for use with automatic materials handling devices so vital in today's high production economy. All wiring and piping are contained in the press uprights and the controls are housed in recessed panels on the upright. Portable power tools can be plugged in to built-in electric and air lines. Bliss claims that with the package press, practically all an installation crew has to do is plug it in.

# **Heat Treating Aircraft Engine Gears**

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plus one 25-in, press with a roller die attachment for shafts.

After quenching, the parts are placed in wire baskets on a mechanized conveyor that extends along one side of the heat treat department serving all three rotary hardening furnaces. The baskets are automatically moved to a hump or high point at the end of the power conveyor from where they travel by gravity to a washer and a Surface Combustion gas-fired convection heated draw fur-

nace. After the parts are washed they are heated to 300 F for the required time. This is followed by a light mechanical blast cleaning and copper plate stripping where required.

Close control of production to this final stage is facilitated by marking each part with part number, mill heat code, heat treat code, magnetic inspector's mark, backlash inspector's mark and materials review mark and number.

# **Producing Coaxial Power Steering Gear**

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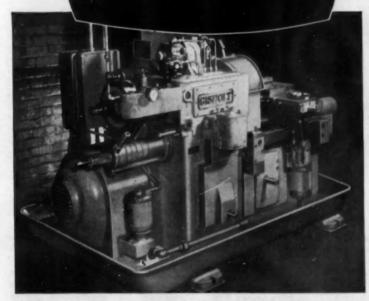
lapped on both side contacting faces in such fashion that the thickness of the first section is held to minus 0.0002, the next plus 0.0002 in., the next minus 0.0002 in., and the last one plus 0.0002 in. In effect, the overall spacing error on the rack must not exceed 0.0005 in.

As illustrated, final assembly of power steering units is done in a large enclosed area, held to a standard temperature and under a slight positive air pressure. The objective is to afford assembly conditions in a standard temperature and with scrupulous cleanliness. Sub-assemblies are made up on suitable benches on each side of the two final assembly lines, checked 100 per cent before being cleared for assembly. The two power-driven assembly conveyors are each 120 ft in length.

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# Thin Actuator

Series 413 linear actuator is designed for thin control surfaces. Weight of the units varies from 1.7 lb to 2.4 lb depending upon output, stroke, and radio noise filter requirements. In both tension and compressions



sion the actuator provides ultimate structural strength up to 2000 lb, maximum static strength up to 1300 lb, and operating output up to 500 lb. Envelope size of the largest actuator in the 413 series measures 1% in. by 3% in. with an overall retracted length of 7% in. Maximum stroke is three in. A radio noise filter is designed as an integral part of the unit to operate from a standard aircraft 26 v dc power supply.

With the newly-designed limitswitch system, more accurate positioning of stroke length is said to be
possible. Once set, the positioning
accuracy of the new actuator is retained within very close tolerances
over a long period of time. A springloaded end fitting permits continuous
pressure to be applied by the actuator
at the completion of the retraction
stroke. Electrical leads can be
brought out the front, bottom, or
either side of the actuator housing.

Lear. Inc.

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# Small A-C Motors

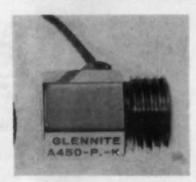
Type SC sub-miniature, 400 or 600 cycle ac motor is 1 1/16 in. in diameter. Protection for military environmental specifications has been considered in the design. It can be wound

for single phase, two phase or three phase, and can be furnished as an induction or hysteresis motor. The characteristics can be modified to cover a wide range of application requirements. The motor can also be furnished with a concentric spur gear reducer. For specific applications, details should be submitted to the factory for determination of the final design. Globe Industries, Inc.

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# Accelerometer

Said to be an extremely wide range barium titanate accelerometer, a modified version of a National Bureau of Standards design has just been announced under the designation of Glennite Perls-Kissinger Model A 450. Resonant frequency is 80 kc, and useful frequency range is 10 to 25,000 c. Sensitivity is 0.75 mv/g, with a capacitance of 800 mmf with 3 ft. of low-noise cable. Maximum sensi-



tivity is perpendicular to the mounting, and lateral sensitivity is less than 15 per cent.

Temperature range is less than plus or minus 10 per cent variation in sensitivity from —40 C to 90 C, and acceleration range measures from 1 g to ± 30,000 g. Size of the unit is ½ in. hex by 13/16 in. long. Gulton Mfg. Corp.

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# **Control Panels**

A-c control panels which meet military specifications are designed to be readily tailored to the electric system of any aircraft. Four basic panels facilitate selection.

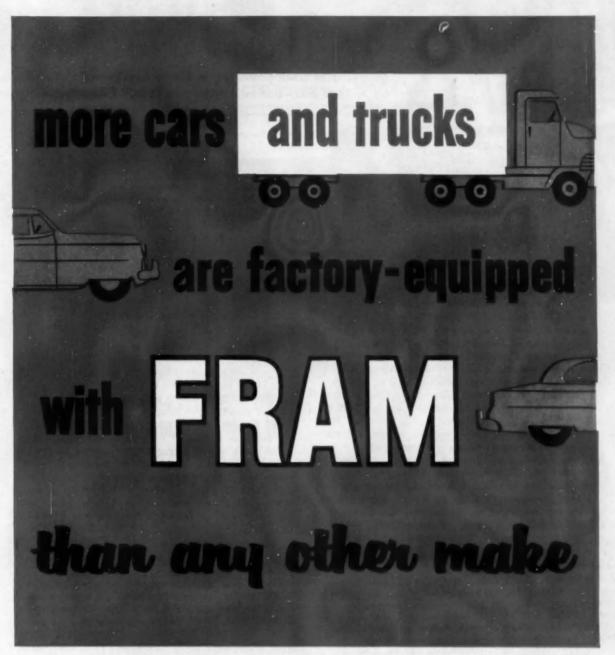
Two panels are for use where d-c is



available for control power. One of these panels is for single-generator systems (isolated); the other is for multi-generator systems (parallel). Both panels are designed to operate even if the supply of d-c should fail. The other two basic panels are for operation where d-c is not available for control power. One of these panels is for isolated systems; the other, for parallel systems.

These panels incorporate protective and control elements applicable to the particular systems. Elements include: differential current fault protection; underspeed protection; phase sequence protection; open phase protection; generator control relay with an anticycling device; overvoltage protection; overvoltage lockout; undervoltage relay; over and underexcitation protection; field flashing; power indication; off frequency protection; transformer-rectifier unit; remote trip; regulator; and electric and/or manual reset. The overvoltage sensing tube, thermal device temperature compensated, has been designed to be insensitive to acceleration forces. Jack & Heintz, Inc.

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Deliveries of Cold Rolled Steel Sheets Lag Behind Orders by Six to 12 Weeks. Domestic Producers Raise Price of Aluminum.

By W. F. Boericke

# Fast Pace for Steel

After the Christmas holidays steel production rose sharply to start the new year with an 82 per cent production rate-it had averaged 71 per cent in 1954 and almost unlimited optimism, in sharp contrast with sentiment a year ago. Estimates for 1955 output range from 95 to 112 million tons of raw steel. Most industry leaders forecast 10 per cent larger output than the 88.3 million tons poured in 1954.

All agree that the inventory situation has been infinitely improved compared with a year ago. This means that steel production and consumption will be more closely related than in 1954, when consumption exceeded output by about 7 million tons, all of which represented inventory reduction. Thus 1955 production would have to increase by this amount just to meet demand at the 1954 level.

Cold rolled sheets, the industry's largest tonnage item, are in strongest demand. Promises of delivery are normally six to seven weeks after receipt of order, but now it's often a matter of 10-12 weeks. So tight is the supply that a number of mills are allocating these products to make sure their regular customers are served. This means that the occasional buyer doesn't have a chance for fast delivery. According to The Iron Age, the steel gray market is back for cold rolled sheets and galvanized sheets, with the same old story of desperate consumers willing to pay a premium price to get what they want.

# Railroad Buying

Indication of a pick-up in long quiescent rail business for steel mills was seen in a recent order for 22.7 miles of heavy duty rail for replacement use in mainline tracks by the D.L.&W.R.R. Most of this new rail will weigh 132 lb to the yard. There are recurrent reports that railroad requirements are likely to expand. This can't be delayed much longer for steel buying by the railroads has been almost negligible during the last year. Orders for car repair parts also show definite improvement. Steel makers likewise are confident of doing more business for manufacturers of material-handling equipment, who will be big beneficiaries of expanded highway construction programs.

# **Export Business**

The outlook for foreign business in steel is good.

German rearmament is likely to make West Germany steel less of a competitive factor in markets that normally look to American mills. While German mills have been running to capacity, orders have been piling up faster than deliveries can be made and delivery dates are six to nine months ahead. Instead of exporting steel, German imports may increase. American steel mills can confidently expect to supply South American countries that placed considerable tonnage with Continental steel producers in 1954.

# Can Copper Price Be Held?

Copper demand continues far in excess of supply. Without doubt the domestic price of 30 cents per lb could easily have been advanced during the last month to a level more in line with the London price of 37-38 cents if the big producers had not stubbornly resisted it in spite of tremendous pressure.

Their reluctance to advance the price was inspired by their belief that the best interests of their industry would be promoted by a stabilized price which would make it less vulnerable to inroads into their markets by competitive aluminum. The belief is also widespread that by the end of the first quarter the strike-inspired pinch in copper supply should be measurably eased by increased production from new domestic mines. In any event this is almost certain to occur in the second quarter, barring some unpredictable emergency.

Yet by mid-January it was anyone's guess whether the 30 cent price could be held. The strike of the native workers in Northern Rhodesia cut off about 35,000 tons of copper per month from world supply. This had caused a pinch in cash copper in London and on the Continent with prices advancing daily as speculators sought to cover. It was also reported that Chile would divert some of its 30,000 tons from the United States to Europe to take advantage of the higher market

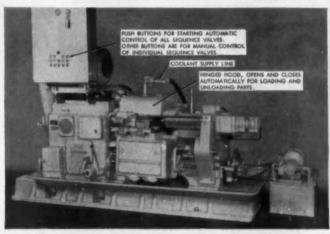
Publication of the December figures by the Copper Institute gave small cause for comfort. Deliveries of refined copper in December totaled 119,600 tons, the highest level of the year. Crude production was 85,500 tons and stocks at the end of the year were only 47,100 tons, scarcely 12 days' supply at the December rate of shipment. Thus a deficit of some 34,000 tons existed between domestic production and deliveries to users, which is normally made up by imports. If these foreign supplies were switched to Europe because of a better market there, a higher price here would be inevitable.

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# MACHINE OF THE MONTH

PREPARED BY THE SENECA FALLS MACHINE CO. "THE So-owing PEOPLE" SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

Hinged hood in open position for loading and unloading parts



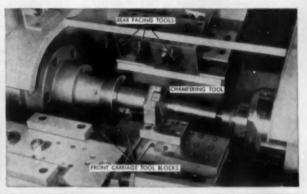
# So-swing LATHE CUTS MACHINING AND HANDLING TIME ON REAR AXLE DRIVE PINIONS

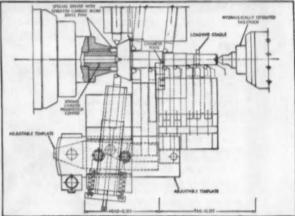
PROBLEM: To finish turn (from end to end) Rear Axle Drive Pinions in one operation and to reduce handling time to a strict minimum.

SOLUTION: A Model AR Automatic Lo-swing Lathe, equipped with Automatic Controls and Serrated Pin Type Driver was selected for this job. The work piece is driven from the gear end by a special driver fitted with serrated carbide pins which indent the large face of the gear. Indentation is obtained by pressure from the tailstock center which is mounted in a hydraulically operated quill. Two pressures, automatically controlled, are used...a high pressure for forming the indent while the shaft is being loaded between centers and a low pressure during the actual machining operation.

This method of driving the work piece permits the machining of all of the gear and stem diameters as well as the facing and undercutting of shoulders in a single operation. Eight carbide front turning tools, one of which is template operated, reduces the length of cut to 2-3/16". This is the length of cut required for the bearing nearest to the bevel gear. The facing, undercutting and chamfering of shoulders are accomplished with four carbide tools mounted on the rear slide. It should be noted that the template is adjustable to handle bevel gears having different angles.

Handling time and operator fatigue are held to a strict minimum by the use of a loading cradle and auto-





matic controls for placing the part between centers, and opening and closing the hinged hood.

The machine stops at the end of the cycle with the spindle stopped, tailstock center retracted, hinged hood open and with the machined part dropped into the cradle. The operator simply replaces the finished part with a rough forging and then pushes two starting buttons, energizing the loader controls, which consecutively close the hood, place the work between centers, indent for the driver pins and finally start spindle rotation. The automatic cycle from then on is controlled by the automatic camming built into the base machine.

The tooling area of the machine is entirely enclosed to protect the operator from flying chips and coolant while cutting at high spindle speeds. Two starting buttons, wired in series, require the operator to use both hands. They are so located that the operator is out of range of the closing hood, thereby preventing accidents.

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# **MAKING TORSION BARS**

for New Passenger Car Suspension

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And that is precisely what has taken place. As will be noted later, the basic know-how of this organization has made it possible to produce torsion bars in exceedingly simple fashion.

The pairs of bars differ in length due to differences in wheelbase of the models. The long suspension bars are approximately nine feet in length; while the compensator bars are approximately four feet long. The long bars are about one-inch in diameter, the short bars slightly smaller.

Secret of the process at this writing is in the use of SAE 5160, chrome-manganese steel, purchased precision-rolled to extremely close tol-

erances and employing control of decarburization. Although this specification carries a high price tag from the standpoint of raw materials cost, it has an enormous effect upon reducing overall manufacturing cost by eliminating all subsequent machining operations.

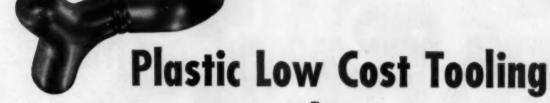
Except for a few additional items of equipment, to be mentioned later, Maremont is utilizing the major items of equipment described in the earlier article. On the other hand, higher volume has made it economical to install automation at the various operations, thus contributing to lower cost and increased productivity. Automation was not entirely in place when the accompanying photographs were taken.

The following description of the major steps in producing long bars will stress the simplicity of the setup:

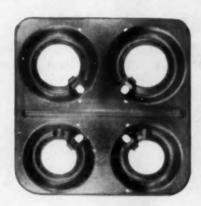
- Abrasive wheel cut-off of bars to length.
- 2. Heating one end at a time in an open end furnace ahead of upsetting.
- 3. Upsetting the hexagon-shaped end, one end at a time, in a Hill-Acme unit.
- 4. Restrike of hex end in a mechanical press.
- 5. After both ends have been completed, the bars are transferred to the hardening furnace.
- 6. From the hardening furnace the bars move immediately into an adjacent Gogan quenching machine for oil quenching, being held securely in the fixture to prevent distortion. The machine is large enough to accommodate two long bars or four short bars at a time.
- Following quenching, the bars are transferred to a draw furnace for a specified cycle.
- 8. Next is shot-peening in an automatic Wheelabrator which shot peens all over.
- 9. The work is transferred to the bar conveyor of an adjacent dip tank in which the bars are coated with a Zincilate formulation and baked before leaving the unit. The only function of this treatment is to provide a corrosion-resistant finish.
- 10. Final operation, before shipment, is the presetting of each of the long bars, coding them in rights and lefts. This is done in a special twisting machine designed and built by Maremont for this job. Presetting is an extremely fussy operation since the alignment of both ends must be held within plus or minus one degree, in a twist angle of over 200 deg.

Presetting is done only on the long (Turn to page 102, please)





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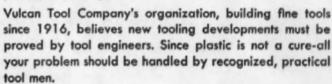
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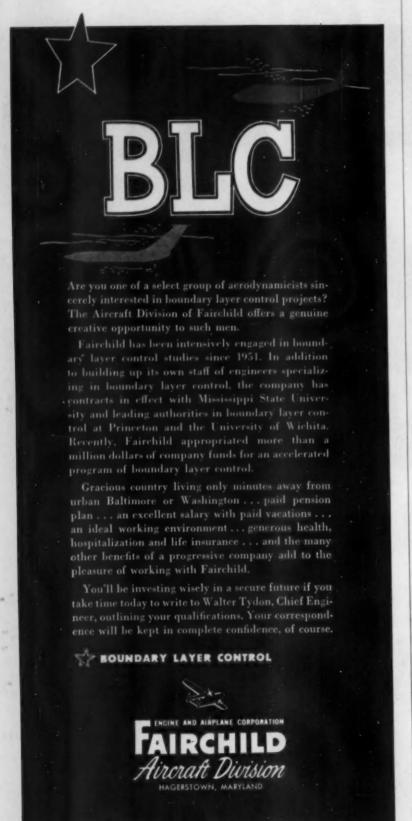
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# **Making Torsion Bars**

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bars since the compensator bars must operate in both directions. We mentioned earlier that no machining is required. The only exception is the case of the compensator bars. One end of each compensator bar is upset with a hex as well as a stub end extending beyond the hex. Later the stub end is ground to size from the rough in one of the Cincinnati Centerless grinders.

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A sampling of illustrations taken here will show the reader the simplicity of the set-up as well as the economy of movement from one operation to another because of the compactness of the entire layout.

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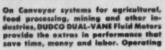


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# New Highs Established in Horsepower and Torque

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for bhp/cu in. Table 2, on the other hand, rates the same engines in a descending order of values for torque/cu in. At the same time columns 1 and 2, respectively, show the relative ranking of each engine with respect to both criteria.

This year also marks a major swing to 12-volt electrical systems. All cars in the GM family have 12-volt equipment, a mighty sweet song for the Delco-Remy division as well as for the lamp makers. Among independents, Packard and models of American Motors using V-8's also have joined the fold. For the first time since the introduction of 12-volt systems, the equipment builders will be able to enjoy the fruits of mass production with its incident effect upon manufacturing and distribution costs.

While on the subject of high horsepower ratings, it is only fair to note that many of these ratings are given at engine speeds far beyond the normal operating range on the highway. They can be approached only in gear, can be usable only for extremely high acceleration rates.

With the advertising value of horsepower placed so highly, it is well to observe the concern of engineers prominent in this picture. Advertised ratings are hardly comparable under present conditions and will remain "paper" values until everyone adopts a uniform formula for what it is that constitutes a "bare" engine and until there is a uniform engine test code.

From a design standpoint the new crop of V-8's has many distinguishing characteristics. One common characteristic is extremely short stroke, all designers aiming for minimum friction. As a result the bore/stroke ratio is uniformly oversquare. In fact, only the Chrysler Windsor is square; the rest range from a minimum of 1.05 to 1, to 1.27 to 1 in the case of the Studebaker Commander which has a stroke of but 2 13/16 in. This has resulted in compactness of structure, greater lightness, and improved mechanical efficiency as well as durability.

Moreover, designers have striven for individuality insofar as practicable. Consider combustion chamber design. Chrysler initiated and is continuing the distinctive hemispherical chamber design on its larger engines. This stemmed from the adoption of twin rocker arm shafts for each bank. For 1955, however, Chrysler Corp. has some new engines-Plymouth for one with only a single rocker arm shaft, producing a greatly modified form of combustion chamber.

Quite dramatically, both Chevrolet and Pontiac have come up with a valve train that eliminates the rocker arm shaft entirely.

Buick has achieved distinctiveness through the disposition of valves in the vertical plane. This form of layout reduces engine width, thereby increasing compactness, permits development of a unique combustion chamber, claimed to have still greater turbulence.

Packard has set its sights in another direction. Anticipating the need for larger displacement during the life of engine tooling, the block has been made deliberately longer to provide for greater spacing of cylinder bores. Thus Packard can effect large increases in displacement over the intervening years without scrapping basic pattern equipment or tooling, without penalizing the larger bore engine with respect to water jacketing.

Inevitably pistons and piston rings remain in a state of flux. True, all pistons are of aluminum alloy, all have three rings above the wrist pin. However, the basic design of piston structure varies considerably among makes. Most pistons are of slipper type, some full skirt. All have some form of expansion control.

Piston ring setups show considerable variation, too. Some makes have shifted to the rail type steel compression ring; most makes employ hard chrome plating for the top ring. More recently, M-P-R introduced its sintered metal ring which, doubtless, will be subjected to considerable testing in the industry.

Compression ratios are inching upward year by year, several General Motors engines being stepped up to 9 to 1. A large group of engines, as indicated in the tabulation are rated at 8.5 to 1. Despite this, a large percentage of engines have compression ratio of 7.6 to 1, the lowest this year being 7.5 to 1. Most designers anticipate an upward trend in compression ratio due to the cooperation of the petroleum industry in improving fuel quality and boosting octane ratings step by step.

Another significant design detail is the swing on the part of a number of manufacturers, Ford Motor Co. being notable among these, to the elimination of the conventional replaceable



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# **Continuous Plating of Bumpers**

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culation-14 min.

22. Nickel strike-one cell tank, continuous circulation through heat exchangers, equipped with nickel purification-14 min.

23. Drain and transfer-one cell space-1/2 min.

24. Nickel plate - two - eight cell tanks, 24,000 gal each, using Udylite bright nickel processes, 50 ft long, continuous criculation through filters and heat exchangers with two electropurification tanks, using 40,000 amp at nine volts-0-30 min. per tank.

25. Drain and transfer-one cell space-1/2 min.

26. Recovery rinse-one cell tank-1% min.

27. Cold water rinse-one cell tank, continuous circulation-14 min.

28. Cold water rinse-one cell tank, continuous circulation-14 min.

29. Acid dip-one cell tank, continuous circulation using 20 gpm Durichlor pump-14 min.

30. Cold water rinse-one cell tank, continuous circulation-14 min.

31. Warm water rinse-one cell tank, equipped with Platecoils-11/4

32. Chromium plate-two cell tank, Koroseal lined with brick bottom. Continuous circulation through heat exchangers, two Durichlor pumps with one standby-using 20,000 amp at 12 v-14 min.

33. Recovery rinse-one station-114 min.

34. Cold water rinse-one cell tank. continuous circulation-14 min.

35. Cold water rinse-one cell tank. continuous circulation-14 min.

36. Hot water rinse-one cell tank with Platecoils, air agitation-11/4

37. Hot air blow off-two station tank, movement in down position with blower and air coils-14 min.

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#### METALS

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#### **Government Won't Divert** More Copper

Following the strike at the copper mines and smelters last year the Government came to the help of consumers by permitting the diversion to them of some 45,000 tons of metal destined for the stockpile. This metal was to be returned to the Government before June 30 and prevented a really serious pinch from developing at that time.

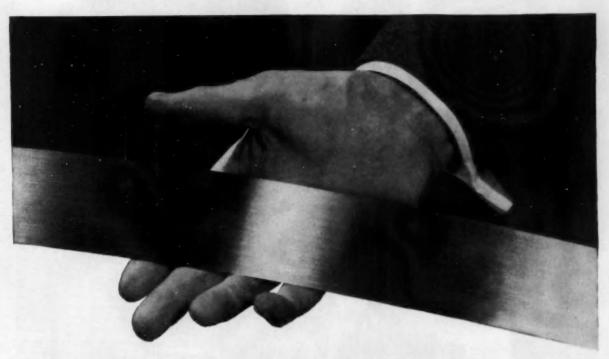
However, it now appears that further diversion of Government copper to industry is unlikely. Only a small tonnage is currently being delivered to Washington. The stockpile could be tapped conceivably, but it would need an act of Congress and a Presidential order to do so, and no one expects that.

#### **Aluminum Price Is Raised**

By the middle of January the price of aluminum had been raised one cent per lb by the three domestic producers. The move was instituted by Reynolds, followed a few days later by Kaiser, and still later by Alcoa. It brought the price of pig to 211/2 cents per lb and of ingots to 23.2

Effective January 1, Aluminum Ltd. had boosted the price of its aluminum ingot by % cent to 19% cents per lb in Canada. The big Canadian producer, which accounts for a 25 per cent share of the free world's capacity, has scheduled a \$45 million smelter expansion of 60,000 tons at its Kitimat smelter which will bring its capacity to 151,500 tons by 1956. Because of its low cost of hydroelectric power, it will give Alcan the lowest production cost of aluminum in the world.

Aluminum producers assert the price advance was thoroughly justified by higher production costs. It is not expected that it will affect the soaring demand for the light metal. It is claimed today that demand for Canadian ingot exceeds supply, with strong U. S. buying and increasing British purchases. Some observers expect an aluminum shortage in 1955, in spite of assurances from producers that there will be plenty to go around. Many new uses are announced almost daily. Shipments of aluminum



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foil alone totaled 75,000 tons in 1954, up 30 per cent over 1953. Exports of secondary aluminum scrap add to the tight situation. Continental demand for aluminum has been insistent the last few months, where the price has been as much as four cents a pound above the domestic level.

Copper and zinc producers, with whom aluminum is competitive in several important lines, breathe easier as aluminum prices advance while their own have held stable.

#### Zinc Stocks Down; Smelter Output High

While year-end figures from the Zinc Institute showed another decline in stocks during December to 124,000 tons—a reduction of 85,800 tons from the peak of 209,800 tons reported seven months ago—ample zinc still appears available to satisfy all consumer needs without difficulty. No effort was made by producers to advance the price, which is considered unprofitable for domestic miners. Foreign zinc, which cannot be offered to the Government for stockpile purchase, has been available at concessions from the 11½ cent per lb official market.

There was considerable disappointment that smelter production in December continued at the record rate of 85,100 tons for the month with virtually no cutback from the high November output. Much has been said and promised that smelter production would be adjusted to bring it in line with lower mine output, but no tangible results are seen. It is thought that several plants speeded up operations to make up for output lost during the strike period, using concentrates accumulated at that time for the purpose. Smelter production in January may be lower as these excess concentrates are exhausted. Neither domestic mine output of zinc nor imports give reason to believe that smelter output can continue at its present rate.

#### Government Buying Supports Lead and Zinc

In spite of heavy deliveries to consumers it is likely that both lead and zinc would sell lower if it were not for Government purchases for the stockpile. But there is small likelihood that these purchases will decline. In fact, for zinc, if the Government is to achieve its objective of acquiring 300,000 tons by June 30, the buying rate must be sharply increased. And

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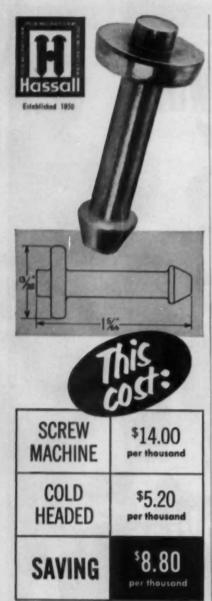
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Shipment of replacement batteries picked up in the fourth quarter. In November such shipments were 2,407,-000 units compared with 2,173,000 in the same month of 1953, the first time the comparable month had been exceeded in 1954.



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The annual freight tonnage hauled by trucks amounts to 240 tons per family. Directly or indirectly, the average American family has a truck working for it approximately 58 days a year.



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Applications for fast tax writeoffs continue to reach the Office
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rate of activity keeps alive the
ODM program for encouragement
of production facilities expansion,
it does not solve the problem of
generating enthusiasm for meeting Government goals in more
than 80 fields.

Another attempt is being made by one legislator to get Capitol Hill authorization for a Highway Finance Corp. The new resolution, H.J. Res. 113, much the same as one offered in 1954, would establish an agency to buy state and local government securities issued to pay for highways.

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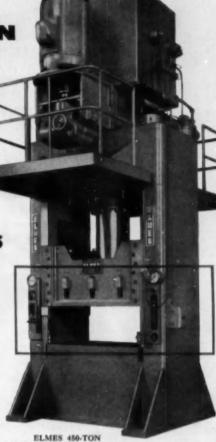
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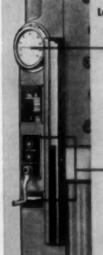
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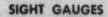
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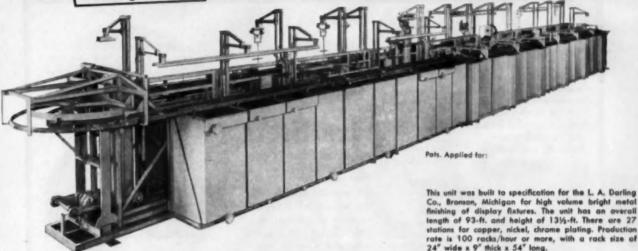


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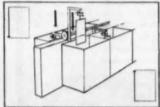
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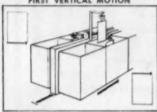
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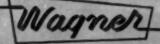
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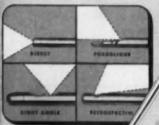
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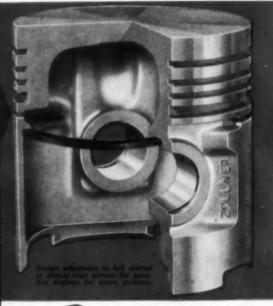
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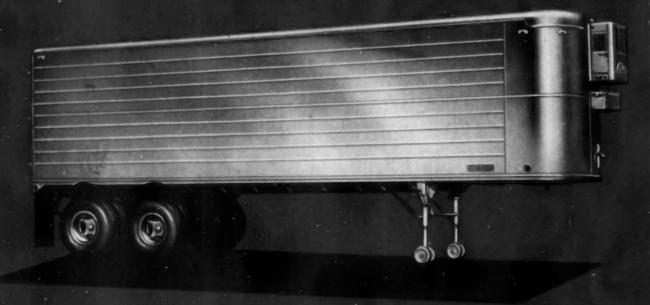
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